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Kensington Saipan finally opens



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E-Land finally opened its first overseas hotel development, Kensington Saipan, which is part of the South Korean conglomerate's Stage 1 plan on the island. E-Land just renovated the former Palms Resort, a multi-million project that took more than a year to complete.

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E-Land vice chair Song Kyung "Sky" Park, center, attends the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Kensington Hotel Saipan yesterday. From left, Kensington Hotel Saipan president Matthew Park, UMDA chair Joe Lifofoi, acting governor Victor B. Hocog, Park, first lady Diann Torres, Senate vice president Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), and E-Land Group executive Yoon Kyung Hoon.

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Time running out for carryover funds for homestead projects

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Members of the House of Representatives fiscal committee and the Department of Public Lands want Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to approve a "carryover" of over \$800,000 in previous fiscal year funds to finance homestead infrastructure projects that have been on standby on Rota, Tinian, and



Teregeyo

Saipan.

DPL, in a budget hearing held by House fiscal chair Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and committee members, discussed the request of \$893,000 for carryover funds from fiscal year 2015 to FY 2016 yesterday morning.

DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo told lawmakers that they could not

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Torres says CNMI included in national GOP platform

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A spokesman of the local Republican Party said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres along with CNMI delegates were able to get language "favorable" to the CNMI adopted as part of the Republican Party Platform during the Republican National Convention held in Cleve-

land, Ohio this week.

"Governor Torres leads the CNMI delegation in Cleveland for the Republican National Convention. All delegates are bound to Donald J. Trump as the Republican nominee for President of the United States," Republican Party of the Northern Mariana Islands Association spokesman Ivan

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres leads the CNMI's group of delegates to the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Local

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CNMI Public School System Federal Programs officer Tim Thornburgh delivers his report to the members of the CNMI State Board of Education in last week's meeting held at the Napu Room of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

PSS: More than half of HS graduates college-bound

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A large number of CNMI students under the Public School System would most likely go to college, based on a report by PSS Federal Programs officer Tim Thornburgh.

Thornburgh's report covers recent graduates from Kagman, Marianas, Saipan Southern, Tinian, and Dr. Rita H. Inos high schools.

In the report, Thornburgh said 60 percent of CNMI high school graduates attend college, closer to the 63 percent average for high school graduates in the U.S. mainland. Thornburgh's report is part of the Consolidated Grant for the 2016-17 school year, aligned to PSS strategic priorities.

The report said this was part of CNMI PSS' programs in producing college and career-ready students. Kagman High School started with its Million Dollar Scholars program that helps seniors get into college and acquire scholarships from various agencies.

Saipan Southern High School, meanwhile, has a nursing assistant program, while PSS also partnered with the Latte Training Academy to train and award globally recognized certificates from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute.

The integration of English Language Arts, mathematics, and the use of technology instruction are some of the programs for PSS' college and career-ready standards.

The report added that the CNMI enjoys high student performance based on the results from various competitions that they joined, whether locally or nationally. There are over 2,000 public school students who participate in different academic and non-academic competitions yearlong.

These are the Forensic Leagues, Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics, Math Court, Mock Trial, Performing Arts Show Choir and School Band, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, JROTC, and numerous other

competitions.

The MHS Aeronautical Dolphins were also mentioned after their drone design won the Real Design World Challenge national title with a five-minute video presentation to be shown in next week's Democratic National Convention at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Aeronautical Dolphins have won two RWDC national titles and have been Pacific champions five times.

"Comprehensive Service for Early Childhood Education, middle school, and college and career technical education programs are also an evidence of high student performance," said Thornburgh in his report.

He added that 57 percent of students from the 3rd to 10th grades scored readiness in English proficiency tests with a high of 72 percent in the 7th grade. They scored only 40 percent in the 9th grade on the Act Aspire tests—which assesses students' readiness in English, math, reading, science, and writing—for school year 2015-16.

The CNMI has also produced 11 Millennium Gates scholars, the most number of high school graduates that received the scholarship among U.S. territories in the Pacific. Guam and American Samoa had two and one, respectively.

The states of Missouri and Hawaii had eight and three apiece, while another three came from the Federated States of Micronesia (two from Chuuk and one from Yap) and two from Palau. FSM and Palau enjoys freely associated status with the U.S.

California had the highest number of students accepted to the program with 181.

Another 15 percent of CNMI high school graduates enter the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard) compared to a 1.5-percent average in the U.S.

Twenty percent of CNMI high school graduates will also seek employment, while 5 percent are uncertain, according to Thornburgh's report.

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SNILD taps \$1M from casino license fee for cultural center

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The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation has tapped a sum of \$1 million from Saipan casino annual license fees for various precinct projects on Saipan and for a feasibility study for a Northern Marianas Cultural Center, among others.

The Saipan casino pays out \$15 million for its annual exclusive license fee and the casino law sets \$1 million aside for appropriation by SNILD.

The Saipan lawmakers, through House Local

Bill 19-30, S1, D8, appropriates \$475,000 for the cultural center feasibility study; \$50,000 for the "Refaluwasch in the Marianas" celebration; \$73,000 for the repair of facilities at the Northern Marianas Trades Institute damaged by Typhoon Soudelor; \$50,000 for SNILD operations; \$19,570 for the Office of Governor for reimbursement of the CNMI All-Star Senior Division's participation in the 2018 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament; \$22,6000 for the Saipan mayor for the payment of outstanding amounts owed to IT&E;

and \$26,625 for the CNMI Boys' U17 National Teams to compete in the upcoming Micronesian Basketball Confederation 17U Western Division Basketball Tournament.

The local bill also appropriates \$106,241 for the repair and drainage and resurfacing of Turturam Road in Precinct 1, \$106,241 for a drainage system, for pathways and sidewalks, renovation of social halls and basketball courts, rehabilitation of Pacho's Park and Sugar Dock, and

for the construction and installation of stop signs within the villages all located in Precinct II.

It also sets aside \$106,241 for the As Falape Road water booster pumps in Precinct III; \$40,000 to procure and

install water pumps, water lines, and any additional materials needed in Precinct

IV; \$56,266 for the repair of roads in Precinct IV; \$9,975 for the renovation of the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School entrance

» **Appropriation to also finance other village projects**

walkway; \$45,000 for the repair and upgrade of the Kagman Elementary School baseball field in Precinct V; and \$71,241 for the Saipan mayor for the procurement of a heavy truck.

Some \$15,000 is also appropriated to the Inetnon Amot Yan Kutturam Natibu/Mwisichil Safey Me Koor Aramasal Faluw to continue editing the update/revised Chamorro-English Dictionary; \$5,000 for the Inaugural

year of the Marianas Trench Fishing and Seafood Festival; \$47,000 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for building repairs; \$20,000 for the mayor of the Northern Islands to fund the "Too Beautiful to Bomb" film project; and \$55,000 to the Division of Parks and Recreation for a pickup truck, for procurement of riding mower parts and maintenance accessories, and trash receptacles.

Hocog signs new law to penalize importation of banned pesticides

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Acting governor Victor Hocog has signed into law yesterday a Senate bill to penalize the importation of banned pesticides.

Senate Bill 19-70, HD1, is now Public Law 19-54 and amends public law regarding the importation of contraband.

"I want to make it clear that Public Law 19-54 should not be construed as repealing PL 19-44 because it proposes to create a new subsection," said Hocog in his July 20, 2016, letter to the House of Representatives and Senate.

To the list of unlawful items

Tinian guesthouse renovation completed

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, members of the Tinian Delegation, the Tinian Municipal Council, Department of Public Lands, Department of Public Works, Commonwealth Development Authority, and the CIP team of the Office of the Governor joined Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas in celebrating the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Tinian Guesthouse on Navy Hill.

The guesthouse was recently improved and renovated to fit the needs of patients undergoing treatment at CHCC. Although its progress was slowed due to Typhoon Soudelor, director Carla San Nicolas of the Tinian Liaison Office noted the unwavering support of the Tinian leadership and the Administration in making the renovation and expansion possible.

Hocog expressed his wholehearted support and their patience, appealing to the progress seen through working side by side for the Commonwealth in general.

The lieutenant governor Hocog added that discussions on centralizing services to Tinian patients and Rota patients is forthcoming. (PR)

or contraband imported into the Commonwealth, the new law adds, "banned pesticides as defined by regulations adopted by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality."

The bill was authored Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan).

In its finding section, the bill noted that although the impor-

tation of banned pesticides is prohibited in the CNMI, the importation of banned pesticides is not subject to the penalty imposed on the importation of contraband.

"Banned pesticides contain chemicals that are carcinogenic and toxic for human consumption and should not be

used in the Commonwealth," the bill says. "The Legislature further finds that the importation of banned pesticides should be covered by the laws penalizing the importation of contraband in order to protect and safeguard the health and safety of the people of the Commonwealth."

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KENSINGTON

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Kensington was originally set to open in December last year after renovation. The original plan was the renovation would only take eight months after the groundbreaking in April 2015. Typhoon Soudelor, however, delayed the opening as Kensington also suffered close to \$4 million in damage.

From a distance, Saipan's first—and so far only five-star hotel—appears like a docked marine cruise ship. The marine theme is evident once you enter the spacious lobby with mollusks, anchor chains, and other decorations that would remind you of the ocean.

Black, gray, and white are

the dominant colors seen around the hotel with marble and granite as one of the main materials used in some areas like the floor of the lobby.

E-Land vice chair Song Kyung “Sky” Park flew in from their Seoul head office just to witness the formal opening of their flagship five-star hotel project on Saipan. Kensington is the third E-Land-owned hotel on Saipan after Coral Ocean Golf Resort and Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Park thanked the CNMI government for supporting them in Phase 1 of their three-stage development plan on the island. “The grand opening would not be possible without the support of the CNMI government. We thank you and look forward to your continued sup-

port,” she said.

Kensington Saipan has 313 rooms bringing a total of 714 from the three hotels they own on Saipan. “I’m also proud to announce that Kensington Saipan is [our] first hotel development overseas,” added Park.

E-Land owns 26 hotels in South Korea that includes Kensington Jeju in Jeju Island, Lexington Hotel, Kensington Resort, and Kensington Flora Hotel. Park reiterated their commitment in completing its 10-year development plan to make Saipan “a first class travel destination.”

She added that E-Land is also committed to serving the community where they have businesses. “One of E-Land’s spirit is to give back to the community for their

support by contributing 10 percent of its profit, which we continue to do in other countries. This community contribution is mainly used for public school and internship programs,” said Park.

“Programs that would create jobs for our young generation who will someday lead the islands. E-Land will continue its effort to contribute to the community in the years to come,” Park said.

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog thanked E-Land for choosing the CNMI, particularly Saipan, in for its business ventures. “Today marks the one-year plan that started with the groundbreaking in April. Renovating the infrastructure so it would again be accessible to all.”

“This is a symbol of your strong commitment to make

Saipan a part of your travel destination business. That’s why Governor [Ralph DLG] Torres and I would like to ask all agencies involved to extend help to E-Land’s other projects.”

Oras Café, Loria International Buffet, and East Moon are the restaurants at Kensington with the Kensington Hall used only for special occasions.

After the brief program for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the hotel lobby, E-Land officials and guests had dinner at the Kensington Hall where salmon and Certified Angus Beef steak were among the dishes served.

The Pacific Winds small ensemble, dance group Teivi Maori, and U.S.-based singer Trina Jade—which headlined for rapper M.C.

Hammer and Motown legend Smokey Robinson—entertained the crowd that included airline executives and representatives from various travel agencies on the island.

First Lady Diann Torres, Senate vice president Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Reps. George Camacho (R-Saipan), Blas Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan), Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan), and Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), CNMI Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion, UMDA chair Joe Lifofoi, and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council vice chair Alice Igitol were the other dignitaries present.

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approve the funds until the governor “identified” them in a revenue submission to the Legislature.

“We’ve had several discussions all in favor,” she told lawmakers on previous meetings with Torres on the issue. “We’ve talked about it several times...he was alluding that it would be submitted.”

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) said it was “disturbing” that at this point in the budget process that funds would “sit idle somewhere” without appropriation.

“We are so close to the appropriation process,” without a supplemental budget identifying these resources, he said, referring to ongoing fiscal budget deliberations and action on a budget before the end of the fiscal year in September.

“I hate to see the projects become stalled for another year because of lack of funding,” Demapan said.

He urged DPL to reach out to the governor to see if he could identify revenues between now and next week for the projects.

In a March 23 letter to the governor, Teregeyo said DPL had reassessed its budgetary needs for FY 2016 and determined a need to request to carryover budget appropriations from last fiscal year into this one.

She notes that DPL had originally intended on submitting a timely request to Torres by October 2015. However, this was not possible due to the recovery phase after Typhoon Soudelor which pushed back some of DPL’s processes, she added.

Public Law 15-02 mandates DPL to hold sums required “for approved homesteads or other department programs in the next two fiscal year,” she wrote.

“I certify that this carryover request will not cause DPL to exceed this threshold,” Teregeyo wrote in the letter.

The total of \$893,000 in carryover funds is divided into \$100,000 for Homestead Finafa on Rota, \$556,000 for Homestead Marpo Heights on Tinian, \$200,000 for Homestead As Gonno on Saipan, and \$37,000 for a DPL Compliance division vehicle.

“...I consider these important to keep DPL’s progress ongoing,” Teregeyo said.

Sablan wants clarity on Mariana Resort issue

Fiscal chair Sablan and other lawmakers yesterday also sought clarity from DPL on the reported agreement between the Saipan casino, Imperial Pacific International, and Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd., on transitioning Kan Pacific’s lease of the Mariana Resort and Spa property in Marpi to the casino company.

IPI last week was issued an “intent to award” from

DPL for an open bid for a new lease for these lands. They had earlier announced an agreement between the two companies to transition the lease to the casino, which DPL had argued in court as collusive, forcing a settlement of which DPL said they got \$1 million from.

Sablan asked Teregeyo yesterday if the Kan Pacific/IPI agreement remains “valid.”

“...Is that agreement still being honored?” Sablan said.

Teregeyo said she believes it was still honored by both parties but noted DPL is not a party to the agreement. “We didn’t sign off on it. Henceforth the lawsuit,” she said.

The reported deal would allow Kan Pacific to assign its remaining lease to IPI and that they would continue to operate the Mariana Resort & Spa “for at least a year.” Kan Pacific’s 40-year lease ends in April 2018.

Sablan asked that because two years were left on the lease, if operations were going to shutdown during the remaining last year.

“...There are a whole lot of resident workers currently employed down there and we don’t want these people to find out on the 11th hour that they don’t have a job,” Sablan said.

Teregeyo responded by saying that Kan Pacific would continue to operate to the end of the lease, that they were not privy to the casino agreement, could not speak to all employees, but that payments were

being paid and Kan Pacific “will operate all the way until the end of the day.”

“That’s what we need to hear,” Sablan said. “The only agreement between DPL and Kan Pacific is the one that you guys have. Under that lease agreement Kan Pacific is obligated to comply and meet the conditions of that current lease which means operating the hotel and I surely hope that will be the case...that Kan Pacific continues its business operations until the last year...under the current lease.”

He said this is to ensure that the no one is surprised on the 11th hour that they are shutting down operations. “We hear this from employees out there that they are being told that they are being shut down.”

Sablan asked that DPL “verify” this agreement and “what exactly is going to happen on the remaining two years” and if there is any intention to shut down operations a year in advance of expiration.

Managaha vs Mariana Resort

Lawmakers also questioned DPL’s plans for the concessions lease for Managaha Island, for which the concession agreement with Tasi Tours expires in August.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has stressed his desire to re-negotiate a lease with the Japanese company and has indicated a competitive bid process is not needed since the concessions agreement does not statutorily

require a RFP.

On this issue, Teregeyo stressed that her and her legal counsel were looking at the “legalities” and “haven’t reached a conclusion” so far on the direction of the concession agreement, when asked by lawmakers.

She noted that the existing concession agreement is not a lease and would expire next month and would go into “holdover”—for which DPL charges 150 percent of current case—if an agreement were not reached.

“Managaha has been treated as a concession agreement since the beginning,” Teregeyo said during her discussion with lawmakers.

Sablan said he sincerely hopes that because DPL had come out with the statement and policy for a need for RFPs to maximize the returns on public lands, that they follow the same justification for Managaha concessions.

Renegotiating the concessions agreement over putting it out for bid would forgo the chance for other competitive offers, the kind of competitive bids that former DPL secretary Pete A. Tenorio touted when he announced last year that DPL would seek an RFP for the Kan Pacific property over a re-negotiated lease, much to the dismay and outrage of the hotel owners.

“We expect robust competition for a parcel of this magnitude,” Tenorio said

in a Nov. 2, 2015 letter to *Saipan Tribune* last year.

The Saipan casino was the only bid for the award, according to Teregeyo this week.

“I hope that same justification is used for the Managaha issue,” Sablan went on to say. “We cannot be talking apples and oranges on the same issue. We have to be consistent on how we put forth policy.” Not only for Managaha, he said, but also for upcoming leases for major hotels due to expire in the next few years.

Teregeyo responded by saying she agreed with Sablan and for Managaha, they would be tasked with “getting the highest value.”

“However, Managaha and Kan Pacific are two different agreements,” she said, noting that the Managaha agreement is treated similar to beach side or road vendors they negotiate with. “Kan Pacific is a lease,” she went on to say. “Those are the legalities we are working on.”

She stressed that in reviewing the existing concessions agreement that there were “a lot of things” they would like to “remove” if the concessions agreement were negotiated.

Sablan agreed the two agreements were different but the “commonality is public land resources. The RFP was to maximize returns on public land resources under DPL’s care... I hope that we keep that in mind when we negotiate with Managaha.”

TORRES

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Blanco told *Saipan Tribune* in an email from Ohio around 6:30am, CNMI time.

Back in March, CNMI Republicans gave Donald J. Trump 73 percent of the caucus votes, he noted.

At this RNC2016, Torres,

along with CNMI delegates, are pleased that language favorable to the CNMI was unanimously adopted as part of the Republican Party Platform, Blanco said.

“While I continue to take on issues on the local level,” Torres said. “I am also making sure that the CNMI is included in the national dialogue because many of

our issues are unique to our islands and often, decisions on the national level inadvertently affect our environment, our economy, and our rights under our Covenant.”

According to footage from the event, Torres introduced himself and the delegates as from the territory of the “beautiful islands” of Northern Marianas Islands, “where

the weather is 85 degrees all year around.”

“Traveling over 7,000 miles, I am Ralph DeLeon Guerrero Torres, governor of the CNMI. It is my great pleasure and honor being the first territory to endorse our next president of the United States.

“We cast our nine delegates to Donald J. Trump!” he said.

In the video, Blanco, local

GOP president and Department of Public Works Secretary James Ada, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and Budget office director and GOP committeewoman Virginia Villagomez can be seen standing by and flanking Torres, all with smiles, and with them a large CNMI flag.

The CNMI delegates,

though not all at the event, include Torres, Ada, Villagomez, committeeman Bo Palacios, delegates Ivan A. Blanco, Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), Atalig, Hofschneider, John “Liling” Reyes with alternate delegates Diego C. Blanco, Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), Robert J. O’Connor, and Anthony A. Camacho.

Naputi: Try eBooks while JKPL is under repair

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Joeten-Kiyu Public Library acting director Erlinda Naputi is encouraging their avid visitors to try their eBooks while the facility is closed beginning this Saturday, July 23, for renovation and other repairs. All eBook access will be free to those who have Android or Apple devices.

The library will be closed for one week from July 23 to July 30, Saturday, and will reopen on Tuesday, Aug. 2, just in time for the opening of the 2016-2017 school year. Naputi said all materials due within the period would be extended to the following week with no fines.

She added that a staff would be assigned outside the library the entire week it is closed to assist those who would avail of their free eBook service. "We want the parents to take advantage of this free service. They can get the login and password from one of our staff."

Naputi said they offered the free eBook service to avoid reading loss when they close the library for one whole week this summer. "To avoid reading loss during our closure, we invite the community to try our eBook service."

"All they have to do is to ask any JKPL staff to pick up the code and pin courtesy of First Book, which is transforming the lives of children in need by elevating the quality of education by making new and high quality books," added Naputi.

She said their open eBook collection is for pre-Kindergarten to grade 12 where ele-

mentary kids can choose from a wide variety of engaging and age appropriate titles. "[It] gives children, their caregivers, and teens instant access to thousands of popular and engaging titles."

"Students and their families can instantly download up to 10 eBooks at a time to a mobile digital device. Each eBook will be available for 56 days before it must be renewed," said Naputi, who added that free access codes and pins are now available.

Those who want to avail of the eBooks must have a library card that are clear of fines and other fees. For more information, call 235-7322 to 23 and 235-7315.

JKPL renovation

Naputi said the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation appropriated \$50,000 to fund the repair of the library. Rep. Blas Jonathan Attao (Ind.-Saipan) authored House Bill 19-37 that became Saipan Local Law 19-11.

"We've done the repair slowly but now we have to close the library. It will be only for just one week and the repairs being done is for us to serve the community better," said Naputi.

Additional tables will be placed at the circulation corner to make it compliant on the American Disabilities Act. Naputi said they would put lower tables so people with disabilities could easily access the section. "We need to also accommodate people with disabilities."

The Pacific Room will be re-carpeted and will change places with Information Tech-

nology Center. The staff and public restrooms will also be repaired.

Naputi added that three railings on the ramp had already been installed, while they also put a ramp in the middle of the stairs. Volunteers repainted the library for their community service.

Promos, new items

The JKPL also listed 482 new items with *Happy Birthday*, *Dear Dragon*, *Apocalypse Meow Meow*, *Peter and the Starcatchers*, *Daughters of the Island*, *The Guide to Basket*



JON PEREZ

Celina Foreman, left, gives instruction to participants before performing an exercise inside the Children of our Homeland section in one of the events held at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library early this year.

Weaving, *Brothers in Blood*, *Maori Tattooing*, *Eat to Beat High Blood Pressure*, *The Daybook of Saints*, and *Teaching Motor Skills to Children* among the recommended books. They also have the movie *Mortal Kombat* (DVD) and new magazine issues.

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COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



NOTICE OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its Council Special Meeting on July 28, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pacific Islands Club, Charley's Cabaret.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. ACTION ITEMS

a. Review and Approval of Proposed 2017-2021 Five Year DD Basic State Plan Goals and Objectives

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation of Certificates

XI. NEXT MEETING

XII. ADJOURNMENT

In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ John Demapan
Chairman

This ad was paid for by funds from the DD Basic Grant Part A (Administrative)

CUC schedules power interruption this Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there is a scheduled emergency power interruption on Saturday, July 23, 2016, from 7:30am to 1:30pm.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace two rotted three phase primary power poles and deteriorated power pole hardware on Koblerville Rd and As Gunno Road. The pole is severely rotted and must be replaced immediately to ensure safety the ongoing vehicular and traffic in the area. CUC greatly appreciates the understanding of the community during this period.

Water services may be affected in the area during the power interruption; however, all service should be restored after the power is re-energized.

Areas to be affected: Kiya 2 (2"d Partial):
Koblerville Rd (Ice Keki St, Binka Ave Tinakttak Dr, Puto Ct, Estufao Ct, Es-sok Ave, Tinala Ave, Katdo Ct, Kelaguen St, Tamles Ct, Ilotes Way, Fritada Ct, Sentada Ct. A nentukon St, Ahu Dr, Paksu Ct, At-mayas St., Charakiles Ct, Paksu cr, Alaguan St, Potu Ct, Eskabeche Ave, Gollai Ct) and As Gunno Road

(Katmelo, Magisa Dr, Broas Ave, Empanada Ln, Roskette Ave, Tengguang Ln, Bonelos Ave, Rosko Ave, Buchibuchi Dr).

Water Wells affected: KB 20, KB 21, KB 22, KB23, KB24, KB25. The upper Koblerville, As Gunno, and Afetnas water services will be affected as well.

Sewer Lift Station affected: None

Traffic Light affected: None

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, we ask travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas. **(PR)**

NMC to host college info session in Tanapag today

Northern Marianas College will be hosting an information session today, July 21, 2016 at the Tanapag Youth Center from 5:30pm to 6:30pm for community members who are interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers.

The information session, which is open to all prospective students and community members, will provide information about NMC's admissions process, finding money for college, and NMC's degree programs. There will also be a discussion about NMC's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program, which awards college credit based on an evaluation of college-level knowledge and skill individuals have gained outside the classroom.

Those who attend will also qualify to receive a waiver of NMC's admission application fee and placement test fees. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

College faculty, staff, and students from the different degree and certificate programs at NMC, as well as Student Services representatives from counseling, financial aid, and admissions, will also be on hand to provide helpful information and answer questions.

For more information about the information session and/or applying to NMC, contact the Office of Admissions & Records at (670) 237-6770, email oar@marianas.edu or visitwww.marianas.edu. **(PR)**



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Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No. 16-028

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Closing Date: Until Filled.

Chief Financial Officer

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") is seeking for a qualified Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). CUC is a public utility corporation located on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI")—a United States territory in the northwestern Pacific Ocean.

The CNMI is a tropical paradise of fourteen islands. In the CNMI you can escape to a place of magnificent beaches and crystal clear aqua waters, and rich history. Saipan offers year-round outdoor activities, world class diving and golfing, international shopping, a range of ethnic restaurants and a cacophony of indigenous and international cultures.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") works directly with the Deputy Executive Director ("DED"). The CFO fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

- Responsible for the overall accounting, budgeting, and financial operations of CUC.
- Supervises professional and support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations.
- Maintains the financial and budget records and accounts of CUC.
- Performs financial, budget and rate analyses of operations and revenues; makes recommendations for adjustments to rates.
- Develops, implements and enforces financial and budget policies and procedures.
- Prepares complex financial and budget reports and special reports as requested by the Board.
- Schedules and coordinates annual audits with independent contractors.
- Prepares an annual report of the financial condition of CUC.
- Plans, implements and monitors short and long-term goals for the department and CUC.
- Other duties of a similar nature or level as assigned or required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Successful candidates for CUC's Chief Financial Officer must have the following:

- Education:
 - o Bachelor's degree in accounting or financial management from a United States accredited institution or one with equivalent accreditation;
- Experience:
 - o Ten (10) years of professional experience in governmental or financial accounting, including experience in a supervisory and/or management position.
- Certification and Licensing:
 - o A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is desired.
 - o Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.
- Must demonstrate the following:
 - o Thorough knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board and Government Accounting Standards Board pronouncements and interpretations, auditing principles, and utility rate structures and rate setting principles and methods;
 - o Working knowledge of automated financial systems and programs to manage all aspects of reporting, personnel management and training;
 - o General knowledge of utility operations, debt collection practices, and limitations.
- Knowledge of:
 - o Supervisory principles;
 - o Managerial and leadership principles;
 - o Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
 - o Budgetary principles;
 - o Financial principles;
 - o Mathematical principles.
- Skill in:
 - o Monitoring and evaluating staff;
 - o Prioritizing and assigning work to staff;
 - o Applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations;
 - o Applying accounting procedures and principles;
 - o Developing and implementing procedures and standards;
 - o Analyzing accounting transactions;
 - o Preparing and analyzing financial statements, budgets and reports;
 - o Establishing internal control and compliance systems and information systems;
 - o Conducting cost-benefit analysis;
 - o Preparing annual reports;
 - o Estimating costs for projects;
 - o Analyzing and setting rates;
 - o Using computers and related software applications;
 - o Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

LOCATION: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY INFORMATION: Based on credentials and specialized experience and whether applicant has a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed \$5,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed \$5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS: Please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a list of references, and (4) a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

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P. O. Box 501220
Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

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2. Fax: 670-235-5131
3. Email: employment.applications@cucgov.org
4. Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

POLICIES: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

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USCIS' Gulick, US Dept. of Labor's Candoleta to speak at SHRM meetings

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will be hosting two events this coming week concerning topics of significance to the CNMI human resource and business communities.

David Gulick, district director for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, will speak on Tuesday, July 26, and Patrick Candoleta, the assistant district director of the Guam Area Office of the U.S. Department of Labor Wage & Hour Division will join us on Thursday, July 28.



Candoleta

Gulick will discuss two main topics: the CW transitional visa and the H-visas (H1-B and H2-A and B). He will explain the fiscal year operation of the CW visa program and what employers can do to stay within the annual limit. He will also speak about the H-visas alternative and what type of jobs can be applied for using the different visas. He will also explain the application

process. Gulick will accept questions at the end of his presentation.

Patrick Candoleta will join SHRM again to discuss the changes in the FLSA White Collar Overtime Exemption rules. Candoleta will provide us with information and guidance on the new rules that will be in effect on Dec. 1, 2016. He will provide interpretation of the new rules, guidance on how to implement the new rules, and the outcomes if not implemented properly. He will also provide updates on other Wage and Hour rules that affect Saipan and on recent claims that have been investigated and closed by his office. His guidance will help businesses avoid placing themselves in similar situations. Candoleta will also address questions at the end of his presentation.

Both presentations will be open to the public and will be invaluable opportunities for employers and HR profes-

sionals and staff to gain a better understanding of the CW and H1/H2 visa processes and of the new overtime rules and other US Department of Labor requirements.

Both events, Gulick on Tuesday, July 26, and Candoleta on Thursday, July 28, will be held at the Pacific Islands Club (Charley's from 11:30am to 1:30pm). The presentations include the delicious PIC lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members.

Seats are limited, so reserve your seat early by contacting Pina Deleon Guerrero by e-mail at pinadlg.shrm@gmail.com or by texting her at 285-7462 or by contacting Penny Jones at penny.jones@hyatt-saipan.com or by telephone at 323-5868. Again, please make reservations early.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The Society serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the HR profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 250,000 members in over 140 countries, and more than 575 affiliated chapters. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, you can visit their website at <http://nmi-chapter.shrm.org>. (PR)

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Interior releases \$9.5M in infrastructure funding for A. Samoa

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina today announced the release of more than \$9.5 million in grant funding to American Samoa through the Office of Insular Affairs' (OIA) Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Program.

"This year's projects reflect the hard work of Governor Lolo Moliga and his Administration in prioritizing critical infrastructure and maintenance projects in transportation, education, and health for the territory," said Assistant Secretary Kia'aina. "I am also especially pleased to help American Samoa advance stable ocean and air transportation between the islands of Tutuila and Manu'a with OIA funds and pending legislation in the U.S. Congress."

Capital Improvement Project grants awarded this week are as follows:

Tug Boats—\$1,750,000 for the overhaul of hull and machinery on two of three tug boats belonging to the Department of Port Administration which serve the Pago Pago Harbor. The tugboats are vital to serving the long liners, cruise liners and other vessels arriving in the territory. This project complements prior-year funding for repairs to the shipyard and dry-docking services at Satala and complies with Coast Guard safety recommendations, while also extending life expectancy of the vessels.

Ofu Wharf—\$200,000 to design improvements to the Ofu Wharf to properly accommodate the M/V Sili and the new ferry boat that is currently under construction. The Ofu Wharf is the only wharf that serves both Ofu and Olosega islands and requires improvements to enhance its capacity to service larger vessels; upgrade docking and transferring of essential cargo and vehicles; and provide it with greater sources of electrical power, lighting and water.

Service Wharf—\$40,000 to supplement OIA grant funding that has already been awarded for the construction

and rehabilitation of a new service wharf in Pago Pago Harbor. The total cost for this project is \$8.8 million.

Port Drainage Improvements—\$40,000 to fix drainage problems at the Pago Pago Port container yard where rain runoff is ponding and greatly affecting stevedoring port operations and facilities. The improvements will allow for safer port operations and satisfy both U.S. EPA and American Samoa EPA requirements to avoid adverse runoff effects on the coastal environment.

FAA Matching Funds—\$350,000 to provide the required local match for federal funding from the Federal Aviation Administration for airport improvements and maintenance. The FAA awards American Samoa between \$9 – 11 million per year for continued improvements to the airports.

School Buses—\$600,000 to acquire up to six new school buses to alleviate current overloading; improve scheduling of maintenance; and provide safer transportation for students.

Samoa High School—\$1,204,700 for the construction of a new two-story building with ten classrooms, customized band room, and applied tech workshop area. The proposed building will be a concrete structure with a total floor area of 13,300 square feet.

Aua Elementary School—\$300,000 for the construction of a pre-fabricated metal building to serve as a covered recreational area and assembly area for students. The scope of work includes demolition of deteriorated existing "Fale" classroom building and additional perimeter fencing with retaining wall along stream at back of school, landscaping and other related work. The total square footage of the new building will be 8,352.

Insular ABC's Initiative—\$1,000,000 to implement maintenance and repairs to public schools as established in a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by

the Office of Insular Affairs, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and American Samoa to address critical structural repairs affecting health and safety. The same amount was awarded last year and is scheduled to be awarded in fiscal year 2017.

LBJ Tropical Medical Center Labor, Delivery, and Operating Room—\$1,700,000 for the renovation of the existing Labor, Delivery, and Operating Room Suite to meet health and life safety standards as required by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The total

project is estimated to cost \$14 million, \$7.2 million of which DOI is funding in phases over multiple years through FY2017.

Microfiltration Plant—\$250,000 for the purchase of microfiltration equipment for the American Samoa Power Authority to return the plant to full operation. The proposed water improvements meet three phases identified in the American Samoa CIP Five Year Plan to improve water distribution through fire hydrants; meet the growing demands of the public with additional water resources;

and prevent contamination of water source used by the public.

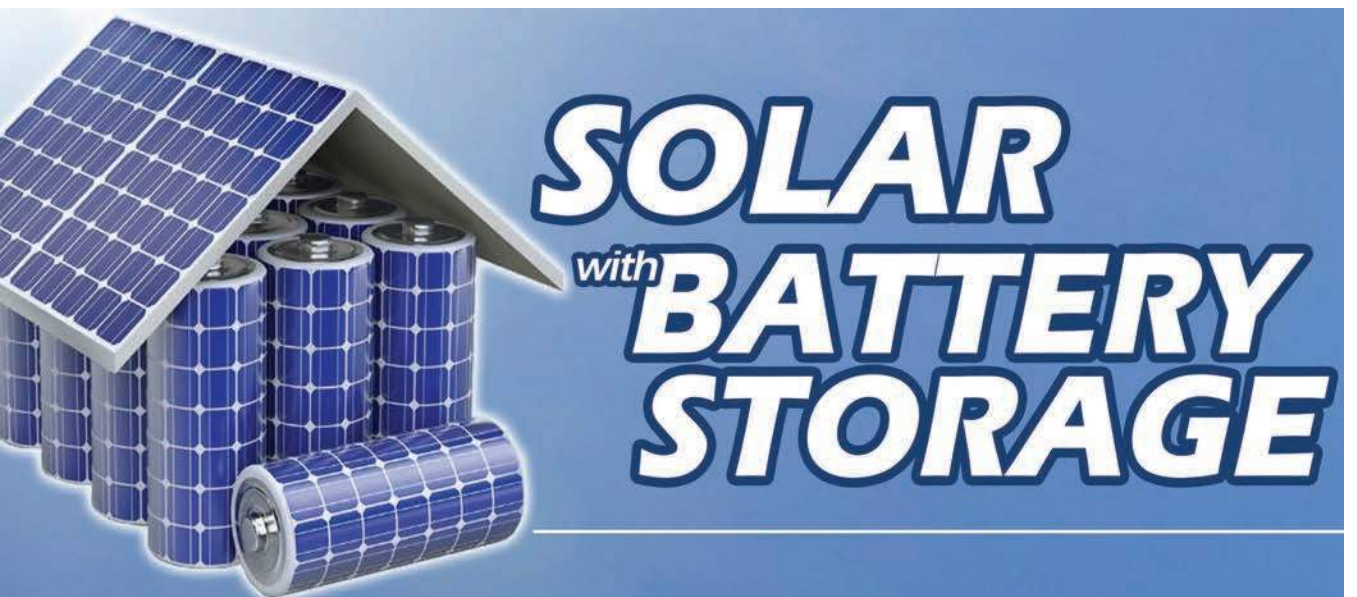
Heavy Equipment—\$500,000 for the purchase of a backhoe, two dump trucks, and a sweeper to provide road maintenance by the Department of Public Works.

Disaster Matching Funds—\$1,000,000 to the Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management to provide a local match to federal funding received under FEMA's Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Program.

CIP Administrative Of-

ice—\$95,050 to support the operations of the CIP Administrative Office. The CIP office works closely with the Governor, the Local OIA field office, and the American Samoa Departments and Agencies to ensure increased project progress with all awarded projects.

Maintenance Set-Aside—\$475,250 for the implementation of a long-term preventative maintenance program for all CIP-funded infrastructure projects in American Samoa. This meets the required 5 percent set-aside required for CIP grants to the territory. (PR)



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EDITORIAL

Turkey's post-putsch purge

The failure of a military coup in Turkey, a NATO member and a key U.S. ally, was a welcome victory for democracy in a region with too little of it. But as he exults in the defeat of the plotters, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan seems to be using the rebellion as a pretext for suppressing dissent and purging the bureaucracy of his political opponents. That is a dangerous course.

It's understandable that Erdogan would arrest participants in Friday's uprising by a group of military officers that claimed to be rescuing the country from Erdogan's oppression. But the dragnet has swept up a ridiculously large number of people in Turkey's employ. The government has detained thousands of military officers and has suspended 3,000 members of the judiciary and 9,000 officials in the Interior Ministry.

The names of many of those being detained were taken from a list drawn up before the attempted coup as part of an investigation into the influence of Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen, a former Erdogan ally who lives in exile in the United States.

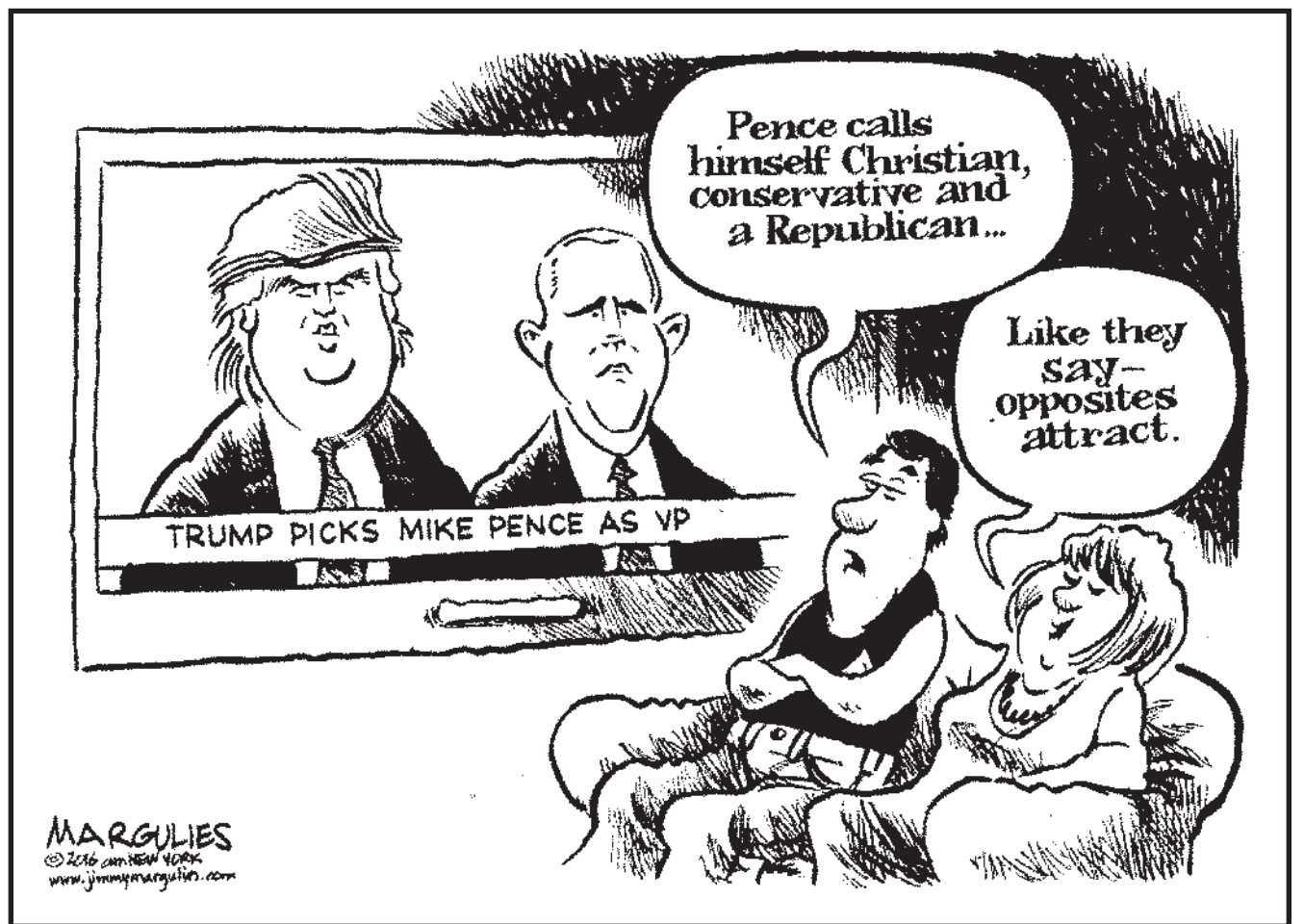
Erdogan blames Gulen and his Hizmet movement for the attempted coup, and he has called on President Barack Obama to arrest Gulen or return him to Turkey. Appropriately, Secretary of State John F. Kerry said that the U.S. would consider a request for Gulen's extradition only if Turkey offered "legitimate evidence that withstands scrutiny." So far, such evidence hasn't been produced.

The U.S. criticized the coup attempt as it was unfolding, with Obama calling on all parties to "support the democratically elected government of Turkey." Nevertheless, the U.S. long has expressed concerns about a drift toward authoritarianism in Turkey. In its most recent report on human rights in that country, the State Department cited interference with freedom of the news media — including the arrests of 30 journalists, at least some of whom worked at publications critical of Erdogan — and an "overly broad application of anti-terror laws," resulting in "politically motivated investigations and court verdicts."

The failed coup must not become a license for further repression. On Monday, Kerry pointedly reminded Turkey that the treaty that created the North Atlantic Treaty Organization commits member states to respect "principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law." Federica Mogherini, the head of foreign affairs for the European Union, which Turkey aspires to join, stressed "the importance of the rule of law prevailing" in that country.

The U.S. and its allies depend on Turkey, and not only as a member of the NATO alliance. The U.S. Air Force has used the air base at Incirlik to launch airstrikes against Islamic State. But Turkey also benefits from its association with Europe and the United States. That relationship will become more strained if Erdogan undermines the democracy he claims to represent.

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Hillary deserves presidency but must overcome public distrust

Hillary Clinton's six-point lead over Donald Trump in last month's CBS News/New York Times poll evaporated as of mid-July. Even before Trump's inevitable post-convention bump in the polls, Clinton was tied with him, according to the latest CBS/Times poll, with each garnering the support of 40 percent of voters.

Polls must always be read with extreme caution, but even if you assume Clinton is still leading Trump, the fragility of her lead is astounding. Trump's campaign is in shambles, while Clinton's is a well-oiled machine; he's done almost no advertising while she began the month spending \$500,000 a day on ads; Republican leaders are deserting him while Democrats are lining up behind her.

The small gap between them is particularly astonishing given that Trump has no experience and offers no coherent set of policies or practical ideas but only venomous bigotry and mindless xenophobia, while Clinton has a boatload of experience, a storehouse of carefully crafted policies and a deep understanding of what the nation must do in order to come together and lead the world.

What happened? Apparently the FBI's recent report on Clinton's email heightened existing public concerns about her honesty and trustworthiness. Last month, in that same CBS/Times poll, 62 percent of voters said she's not honest and trustworthy. Now, 67 percent of voters have that view.

So as the Republican convention nominates the least qualified and most divisive candidate in American history, the Democrats are about to nominate among the most qualified and yet also most distrusted.

What explains this underlying distrust?

I've known Hillary Clinton since she was 19 years old. For the last 25 years I've watched as she and her husband became the quarry of the media — especially, but not solely, the right-wing media.

I was there in 1992 when she defended her husband against Gennifer Flowers' charges of infidelity. I was in the Cabinet when Hillary was accused of fraudulent dealings in Whitewater, and then accused of wrongdoing in the serial rumor mills of "Travelgate" and "Troopergate," followed by withering criticism of her role as chair of Bill Clinton's health-care task force.

I saw her be accused of conspiracy in the tragic suicide of Vince Foster, her friend and former colleague who, not incidentally, wrote shortly before his death that "here (in Washington) ruining people is considered sport."

Rush Limbaugh claimed that "Vince Foster was murdered in an apartment owned by Hillary Clinton," and the New York Post

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reported that administration officials "frantically scrambled" to remove from Foster's office safe a previously unreported set of files, some of them related to Whitewater.

I saw Kenneth Starr's Whitewater investigation metastasize into the soap opera of Bill Clinton's second term, featuring Monica Lewinsky, Paula Jones and Juanita Broaddrick, among others — culminating in Bill Clinton's impeachment and Hillary's very public (and, presumably, intensely private) humiliation.

Then, more recently, came the storm over Benghazi, which led to inquiries about her email server, followed by the questions about whether or how the Clinton Foundation charitable work and the Clintons' for-profit speeches might have intersected with her work at the State Department.

It is worth noting that despite all the stories, allegations, accusations, insinuations and investigations spread over a quarter century, there has never been any finding that Hillary Clinton engaged in illegal behavior.

But it's understandable why someone who has been under such relentless attack for a large portion of her adult life might be reluctant to expose every minor error or misstep that could be blown up into another "scandal," another media circus, another interminable set of investigations generating half-baked conspiracy theories and seemingly endless implications of wrongdoing.

Given this history, any sane person might reflexively seek to minimize small oversights, play down innocent acts of carelessness, or not fully disclose mistakes of no apparent consequence, for fear of cutting loose the next attack dogs. Such a person might even be reluctant to let their guard down and engage in impromptu news conferences or veer too far off script.

Yet that reflexive impulse can itself generate distrust when such responses eventually come to light, as they often do — as when, for example, Clinton was shown to be less than forthright over her emails. The cumulative effect can create the impression of someone who, at worst, is guilty of serial cover-ups, or, at best, shades the truth.

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EDITORIAL POLICY

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Say no to the Olympics

The overwhelming news in the lead up to the 2016 Olympics has been about the rampant dysfunction of the host city, Rio de Janeiro, and for good reason. The stories are gruesome and sensationalistic, filled with the kinds of pulpy details that make a mental imprint deeply difficult to dismiss.

There have been police officers greeting people arriving at Rio's international airport with a banner reading "Welcome to Hell," as they fight for overtime pay. Body parts have washed onto the beaches where Olympic events are due to take place. The Zika virus is causing a few high-profile athletes to back out of participating.

Some of the stories sound like they've been pulled from a ham-handed Hollywood satire. Two skydivers fell to their deaths while attempting, with 26 others, to form the Olympic rings in an effort to hype the Games. A real jaguar, standing in for the Olympic mascot at a torch relay event, was shot dead by a police officer when it escaped its leash after the ceremonies. Or take this slogan from Rio's Olympic Organizing Committee: A Olimpiada traz mais do que so a Olimpiada. That means "The Olympics bring so much more than just the Olympics." No kidding.

As bad as the situation is in Rio, all the clucking about its particular problems has a disturbing side-effect: It drives a narrative that the maladies of the Olympics lie with Brazil's mangled, corrupt government and not with the Olympic system itself. In every recent Games, we've seen some version of the worst of the Olympics maladies: debt, displacement and police violence.

Rio is definitely seeing more than its share of these evils. According to a Rio watchdog group, more than 77,000 families have been compelled to move to new homes to make way for

Games construction, the Rio Olympics are over budget by 51 percent, and, as Amnesty International is cataloging, in the last year, there has been a 135 percent increase in police killings, all focused on the city's poorest areas.

Since 9/11, security imperatives have provided host cities with a rationale, and possibly a pretext, for investment in high-tech weaponry and surveillance systems. That, in turn, has added to the Games' cost and added a reason to remove people from their homes: to create a security perimeter for the foreign dignitaries, athletes and the Games venues.

I have covered every Summer Olympics since 2004, and at each site I've seen the negative effects. The 2004 Games in Athens brought 50,000 paramilitary troops into the streets and came in at 200 percent over budget. The Olympic structures now shelter communities of squatters and the homeless, and the cost overruns added to Greece's catastrophic recession.

In 2008, the Beijing Games displaced an estimated 1.5 million people and cost a then-record \$30 billion. The Games' signature Bird's Nest stadium is now a mostly empty relic. The 2012 Summer Games in London also went over budget, and put surface-to-air missiles atop residential apartment buildings. In 2014, the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, cost \$51 billion — more than every other Winter Games combined. Roughly \$30 billion of this was simply unaccounted for, chalked up to corruption, another common corollary of the Olympic enterprise.

After the extremes of Beijing and Sochi, the International Olympic Committee came up with its Agenda 2020, reforms that were supposed to encourage more economical Games, making them more palatable to smaller cities and governments that have to answer to taxpayers and voters, as opposed to autocracies,

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such as China and Russia. Any discussion of reform is welcome, but the idea that meaningful safeguards against corruption or human rights abuses have been put in place is laughable.

What every city needs to do is just say no. Rejecting the Games is the only action that holds the potential to spur meaningful reform. Then perhaps we'll see the IOC end the practice of city-by-city bids that encourages high-stakes promises and requires the creation of massive Games infrastructure, often from scratch, every four years. Then perhaps we'll see the creation of permanent venues for the Winter and Summer Games.

Rejecting the Games is the only act that will push the Olympics to change.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New vehicle for Commerce-Tinian

It has been nearly 20 years since the Department of Commerce, Tinian has been able to lease or purchase a new vehicle for its office. However, through the collaborative efforts of the Tinian Legislative Delegation and the Secretary of Commerce, the Tinian office was able to purchase a new vehicle for its Administrative, ABTC, and Weights and Measures divisions. This purchase would not have been possible without the joint efforts of the Tinian Delegation and the Secretary of Commerce and is a perfect example of how the different branches of government as well as different islands can work together for the benefit of the community.

Susan Cruz

Via email

Tips for parents of SPED students

School will be starting soon. If your child receives or needs special education, don't wait until the last minute to prepare for the new school year. "10 Tips for a Successful School Year" can be found at www.wrightslaw.com/howey/10tips/sch/yr/htm.

Get prepared, prepare your child and your child's teacher, and have a successful school year.

If you or your child need assistance, please contact the Northern Mariana Islands Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. whose mission is to protect the civil, legal and human rights of individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to the right to a free and appropriate education.

Jeanne H. Rayphand

Via email

HILLARY

From Page 10

So while Hillary Clinton's impulse is understandable, it is also self-defeating, as now evidenced by the growing portion of the public that doesn't trust her.

It is critically important that she recognizes this, that she fight her understandable impulse to keep potential attackers at bay, and that from here on she makes herself far more open and accessible — and clearly and fearlessly tells all.

Trump supporters making sense

You don't have to think Donald Trump should be elected president to think those having at some of his supporters are sometimes just plain out of it.

To be sure, they were right that former House Speaker Newt Gingrich bested Trump at his worst — that's a lot — when he talked on Fox News of deporting American Muslims who believe in Sharia law. Here's a once bright, energetic, knowledgeable and mostly benevolent guy who maybe should himself take a trip to a distant land, returning home after certification of recovery.

But then we get to the Republican National Convention. We get to a fiery speech by former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. He covered lots of ground, and the critics excoriated him on every point he made, but let's talk about just one of them — when Giuliani spoke proudly of what his administration achieved through extraordinary police innovations in making the city safer from crime.

The pundit response on the left was that the city started getting safer before he was elected and that other cities started getting safer nationwide at the same time. Well, yes, there were a few other factors in the downturn of criminality that got going before the new police methods jumped in. But then New York went ahead and got safer than any other large city in the nation.

What those methods did was deter crime. What many other city police forces did was get better at catching criminals after crimes were committed. The wrongdoers would then get sent to prison, resulting nationally in mass incarceration. What New York did was send fewer to prison, resulting in better lives for thousands.

Let's next look at a speech by Milwaukee County's African-American sheriff, David A. Clarke Jr., who said "blue lives matter," that our safety was crucial and that all Americans should back rule of law, even Hillary Clinton. He also criticized Black Lives Matter as anarchic, getting himself blasted as unfair to people who have had difficult experiences and just want justice.

But some have also chanted about killing policemen. One group leader who teaches at Yale has equated looting with legitimate political speech. The demented sniper who killed five Dallas policemen spoke of sympathy with Black Lives Matter when talking to a police negotiator.

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While a few chants by a few people do not size up a movement that has been peaceful even if it has illegally obstructed traffic, it is worth mentioning how some on the left blamed conservative Sarah Palin in the Arizona shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Palin, you see, had put crosshairs on an internet map of Democratic members of Congress she wanted defeated. She was speaking metaphorically, as any fool could plainly see. What is more, the crazed shooter of Giffords had actually been left-wing at one time and did not pay attention to news. The police murderer obviously did, though maybe that is not crucial. A bigger point is that all the protest has coincided with less proactive police and a rise in crime in major cities.

Now we come to the speech of Melania Trump, the wife of the now official nominee. It was extraordinary — positive, caring, lots of loving praise for her husband and a testament to strong values. It turned out to have a couple of short paragraphs very much the same as a couple of graphs in the speech Michelle Obama gave on behalf of her husband at the 2008 Democratic convention.

This was not a question of critics going after someone, but of a press still interested in interesting stories. The matter could have been solved easily. Among the many politicians accused of plagiarism, one has been President Barack Obama. He immediately admitted it, attributed it to a carelessness and the story was finished. Trump could have done that on behalf of his wife or a speech writer, but his crew played the game of denial as he has with mistakes he has made almost daily since the start of this campaign.

He needs to start living up to the best of his supporters.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

▲90° ▼80°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°

MONDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front near Minami Tori Shima extends westward along 25N from 25N160E to 25N148E then becomes a surface trough southwestward to beyond 13N130E. Cloudiness with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are north of a line from 25N168E to 19N159E to 23N150E to beyond 25N, and within 150 miles of a line from 25N140E to 18N131E. Converging trade winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in patchy areas southeast of Koror south of a line from 4N135E to 4N147E to EQ154E. A surface trough between Pohnpei and Kosrae is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northwest of Kosrae between 5N and 7N from 160E to 163E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are south of Kosrae within 75 miles of a line from 2N158E to 4N163E to 3N167E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia ▼ ▲		
Guam And Rota	Sunny	76 / 92 °F
Palau	Sunny	80 / 86 °F
Yap	Sunny	79 / 91 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	80 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	80 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Morning clouds	81 / 87 °F
Majuro	Scattered thunderstorms	83 / 87 °F

Around the Globe ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Mostly sunny	47 / 58 °F
Beijing	Tons of rain	72 / 83 °F
Hong Kong	Sunny	84 / 91 °F
Honolulu	Cloudy	75 / 82 °F
London	Sunny	67 / 89 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly sunny	67 / 89 °F
Manila	Scattered thunderstorms	81 / 94 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	46 / 61 °F
Miami	Cloudy	82 / 88 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	71 / 89 °F
Osaka	Morning clouds	70 / 91 °F
Paris	Afternoon clouds	63 / 81 °F
Pusan	Afternoon clouds	72 / 83 °F
Rome	High level clouds	68 / 96 °F
Salem	Light showers	58 / 77 °F
San Francisco	Mostly sunny	55 / 68 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	76 / 89 °F
Tokyo	Passing showers	72 / 78 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	69 / 89 °F

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Sunrise/Sunset		
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UOG awarded grant to address lack of health information for Pacific Islanders

The University of Guam has been awarded a \$2.7M grant from the National Institute of Minority Health and Disparities (NIMHD) through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to address the lack of health information specific to Pacific Islanders for whom non-communicable diseases, especially cardiometabolic diseases, are the leading cause of death.

Specific to the region, the five-year, federally funded grant looks to build capacity to conduct population health research in U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPIs), which are often excluded from many national health surveys.

The data collected will help researchers better understand the health disparities

experienced among USAPI populations, while the institutionalization of the proposed epidemiologic cohort will ensure the sustainability of population health data collection.

"Health models developed from research findings conducted in other populations don't always translate to our USAPI communities. Since we're excluded from national longitudinal health surveys, it's really hard to understand the challenges that can be said of our health infrastructure system," said Dr. Yvette Paulino, Associate Professor of Health Science and Principal Investigator for the grant. "What we want to do is better understand the extent of our non-communicable disease

burden, build and test our own models, and eventually develop programs or identify intervention strategies tailored to the needs of our community."

Grant details

Paulino said the most significant contribution of the proposed study is an understanding of the extent of diabetes and cardiovascular conditions and related risk factors in our USAPI populations. The data collected in the proposed study will be among the first to look at health indicators across generations. The hope is to track each individual's health over time and use the information to create appropriate programs, interventions, and health policies relevant to



From left, dean of the School of Nursing Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima, principal investigator for the U24 Grant Dr. Yvette Paulino, president of the University of Guam Dr. Robert Underwood, and assistant vice president of Graduate Studies, Research, and Sponsored Programs Dr. John Peterson.

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USAPI communities.

Throughout the course of the five-year cycle, students at both UOG and the College of Micronesia will be trained to help collect, analyze and disseminate this information in a timely manner so that the research continues long after the culmination of the grant cycle.

"This grant from the National Institutes of Health shows that our program has grown from our earlier Cancer Health Disparities partnership with UH Manoa into a serious provider of research and teaching engagement in Micronesia," said Dr. John Peterson, Assistant Vice President of Graduate Studies, Research & Sponsored Programs. "We hope to continue building this capacity and this grant will be a significant step toward

a sustainable health sciences contribution to students and research in the region."

The team from UOG includes Paulino, Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. Grazyna Badowski, Associate Director of Telecommunication and Distance Education Operation (TADEO) Manuel Hechanova, Assistant Professor of Nutrition Dr. Tanisha Franquez Aflague, Associate Director of the Western Pacific Tropical Research Center Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero, the UOG Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (CEDDERS), and representatives from the School of Nursing and Health Science.

Regional and local partners include the College of Micronesia in Pohnpei, the Uni-

versity of Hawaii, the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Guam Diabetes Association, and the Guam Non-Communicable Disease Consortium and Quansheng Song, who works with CEDDERS on the Guam Early Hearing Detection & Intervention database.

"This grant award is excellent addition to our research portfolio," said UOG President Dr. Robert Underwood. "We have a great opportunity to become a major player in health research, continuing our efforts to become a university with a robust research agenda."

This research is supported by the National Institute On Minority Health And Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number U24MD011201. (PR)

Won Pat congratulates UOG on its accreditation

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., D-Inaláhan congratulates the University of Guam on earning another eight years of accreditation for the University of Guam from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). "Accreditation is ex-



Won Pat

tremely important, both as an identification of institutional quality and as required by the U.S. Department of Education so students are able to access the federal student loan system," stated Won Pat.

Among other things, the university was commended on "[d]emonstrating strong fiscal stewardship. In the face of challenging

resource constraints, the university has achieved multi-year financial surpluses. The diversification of revenue streams has been critical to the university's financial sustainability. The Commission applauds senior leadership for its fiscal discipline and for aligning resources with institutional priorities."

This accreditation marks 16 years of continuous accreditation for UOG and will last until 2024. (PR)

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Business

As PCs decline, Microsoft betting its future on 'cloud'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In a world where there's a smartphone app for everything, one company -- Amazon.com Inc.—has long been the host for an outsized share of online software and computing services.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella wants to change that.

Nadella has poured billions of dollars into building new data centers around the world, hoping to position Microsoft as the leading alternative to Amazon in selling online computing power—housed in remote centers or “clouds”—to internet startups and big corporations, as well as consumers.

As evidence the investment is paying off, Microsoft Corp. reported Tuesday that its Azure cloud-computing

business more than doubled in sales last quarter, compared with a year earlier. That growth, combined with increases in revenue from Windows software licenses and other key segments, helped offset a big decline in revenue from the Nokia smartphone business that Microsoft largely shut down last year.

If Amazon has been the undisputed king of the cloud, analysts say Microsoft, Google and a few other tech giants are emerging as rivals. The competition could mean lower prices and more innovation, both for businesses that buy cloud-computing services and for consumers who use popular apps—from Netflix to Pinterest and Airbnb—that run in the cloud.

Amazon pioneered the

cloud business almost 10 years ago, when the online retailer began renting out unused capacity on its own servers. Estimates vary, depending on how you define “cloud computing,” but analysts at Synergy Research Group say Amazon still has more than 30 percent of the market, while Microsoft has grown to 10 percent—partly on the strength of Microsoft's promise that its cloud services are compatible with Microsoft software that customers already have on their own computers.

IBM and Google have 7 and 5 percent, respectively. Like Microsoft, IBM reported this week that its cloud revenues increased in the last quarter, despite a broader decline in its traditional software business.

Plans for self-driving cars have pitfall: the human brain

WASHINGTON (AP)—Experts say the development of self-driving cars over the coming decade depends on an unreliable assumption by many automakers: that the humans in them will be ready to step in and take control if the car's systems fail.

Instead, experience with automation in other modes of transportation like aviation and rail suggests that the strategy will lead to more deaths like that of a Florida Tesla driver in May.

Decades of research shows that people have a difficult time keeping their minds on boring tasks like monitoring systems that rarely fail and hardly ever require them to take action. The human brain continually seeks stimulation.

If the mind isn't engaged, it will wander until it finds something more interesting to think about. The more reliable the system, the more likely it is that attention will wane.

Automakers are in the process of adding increasingly automated systems that effectively drive cars in some or most circumstances, but still require the driver as a backup in case the vehicle encounters a situation unanticipated by its engineers.

Tesla's Autopilot, for example, can steer itself within a lane and speed up or slow down based on surrounding traffic or on the driver's set speed. It can change lanes with a flip of its signal, automatically apply brakes, or scan for parking spaces and parallel park on command.

Joshua Brown, a 40-year-old tech company owner from Canton, Ohio, who was an enthusiastic fan of the technology, was killed when neither he nor his Tesla Model S sedan's Autopilot braked for a truck making a left turn on a highway near Gainesville, according to federal investigators and the automaker.

Tesla warns drivers to keep their hands on the wheel even though Autopilot is driving, or the vehicle will automatically slow to a stop. A self-driving system Audi plans to introduce in its 2018 A7, which the company says will be the most advanced on the market, monitors drivers' head and eye movements, and automatically slows the car if the driver's attention is diverted.

Lawsuits: VW employees tried to cover up emissions cheating

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—New York state, Massachusetts and Maryland are suing Volkswagen and its affiliates Audi and Porsche over diesel emissions cheating, alleging that the German automakers defrauded customers, misled regulators and then sought to cover up the deception.

The lawsuits, announced Tuesday, allege that numerous employees and executives at Volkswagen knew that diesel vehicles had been equipped with software allowing them to cheat emissions testing, and that after regulators began investigating several employees tried to cover it up by eliminating data about the software.

“The allegations against Volkswagen, Audi and

Porsche reveal a culture of deeply-rooted corporate arrogance, combined with a conscious disregard for the rule of law or the protection of public health and the environment,” said New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. “These suits should serve as a siren in every corporate board room, that if any company engages in this type of calculated and systematic illegality, we will bring the full force of the law—and seek the stiffest possible sanctions—to protect our citizens.”

In a statement, Volkswagen said it is already in talks with authorities regarding “a comprehensive national resolution of all remaining environmental issues arising from the diesel matter.” The company

also noted that it has agreed to buy back or modify affected vehicles, create a \$2.7 billion environmental trust and invest \$2 billion on infrastructure for zero-emission vehicles.

“The allegations in complaints filed by certain states today are essentially not new and we have been addressing them in our discussions with U.S. federal and state authorities,” the company said. “It is regrettable that some states have decided to sue for environmental claims now, notwithstanding their prior support of this ongoing federal-state collaborative process.”

The legal action seeks “substantial penalties” that would be based on a calculation of the duration of the alleged violations.

Nation

COMPLETING STUNNING CLIMB:

Trump triumphs as GOP nominee

CLEVELAND (AP)—Cementing an extraordinary political takeover, Republicans nominated Donald Trump Tuesday night as their presidential standard-bearer, hitching their hopes of keeping Democrat Hillary Clinton out of the White House on an unorthodox candidate who has sown divisions within the party and across the nation.

While it was Trump's night, Clinton was frequently the focus.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie energized the crowd with a full-throated takedown of Clinton, imploring delegates to shout “Guilty!” as he ticked through numerous accusations of wrongdoing.

Trump addressed the convention briefly in videotaped remarks, thanking them for formally nominating him as the party's White House candidate.

“This is a movement, but we have to go all the way,” he said.

For Trump, the celebrations were a much-needed opportunity to regroup after a chaotic convention kickoff that included a plagiarism charge involving wife Melania Trump's address on opening night. There were no big missteps Tuesday, but the event was void of the glitzy, Hollywood touch Trump promised, with a series of Republican officials parading on stage to level sharp, but repetitive, criticisms of Clinton.

The evening's program



AP

Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump's children Donald Trump, Jr., Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump and Tiffany Trump celebrate on the convention floor during the second day session of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

ended on an unusual note, with an actress-turned-avocado farmer delivering the closing speech—a spot normally reserved for prominent speakers.

Trump's family again took center stage, underscoring the campaign's urgent task to reshape the image of a candidate seen by large swaths of voters as harsh and divisive. Two of Trump's children testified to his character, casting him as a man undeterred by challenges.

“For my father, impossible is just the starting point,” said Donald Trump Jr., the oldest of the Republican nominee's five children. Questions about plagiarism surfaced for a second day in a row, this time in the eldest son's speech. But F.H. Buckley, the writer behind the original work in question this time—an article in *The American Conserva-*

tive—said he was a principal speechwriter for the younger Trump and said the campaign did nothing wrong.

For some Republicans, the night also offered a glimpse of what could have been. House Speaker Paul Ryan, who resisted calls to jump into the presidential race, made a vigorous call for party unity—though his message focused more on the risks of letting Democrats keep the White House and make gains in Congress than a rationale for Trump.

“Let's compete in every part of America, and turn out at the polls like every last vote matters, because it will,” Ryan said.

Many Republican leaders stayed away from the convention, still wary of being associated with the divisive candidate and unsure how his nomination impacts their own political futures.

Utah Zika case raising new questions about how virus spreads

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The case of a Utah man who contracted the Zika virus after caring for his infected father raised new questions for health experts who said Tuesday that the investigation could guide new research into the way the disease spreads.

The inquiry into the two infections could shed light on the medical mystery surrounding a virus that's still stumping doctors. Zika is typically transmitted through the bite of a tropical mosquito that is not usually present in cold, mountainous Utah and also has been transmitted sexually.

The blood of the older man, who later died, contained an extremely large amount of the virus, which could mean high levels also were present in his saliva and urine,

said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease specialist at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville.

Zika has spread through blood at least once in a lab and could have passed to the son through saliva or blood if he had a small cut or scrape on his hand, Schaffner said. That type of transmission would be unusual for a virus of its kind, but the discovery that Zika can be spread through sex also was a surprise to scientists.

“The more we learn about Zika, the more nasty the virus appears,” Schaffner said.

A more remote possibility is the illness spreading like the flu, through droplets in the air. Though there's no evidence yet that Zika can be transmitted through

coughing, sneezing or routine touching, questions raised by the Utah case could mean researchers look into that possibility in the future, Schaffner said.

The father was elderly and had another health condition, which was not identified, so the virus may have taken advantage of a weakened immune system to proliferate. Zika causes only a mild illness in most people, and the son has recovered. But infection during pregnancy has led to severe brain-related birth defects.

The person who confirmed the relationship between the two Utah patients is familiar with the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person is not authorized to discuss the case by name.

Asia

North Korea confirms it test-fired ballistic rockets

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea said Wednesday it test-fired ballistic rockets as part of a simulated pre-emptive attack on ports and airfields in South Korea, in a likely reference to the three missile launches that Seoul says the North carried out a day earlier.

Leader Kim Jong Un guided the launches and expressed his satisfaction with them, the North's official Korean Central News Agency reported, without saying when the tests happened.

The KCNA said the launches "once again examined the operational features of the detonating devices of nuclear warheads mounted on the ballistic rockets the designated

altitude over the target area."

Lee Chun-geun, a scientist at South Korea's Science and Technology Policy Institute, said that the North Korean missiles were believed to be carrying warheads, which contain trigger devices but not plutonium or uranium, to see whether those warheads could detonate properly.

The launches were the latest in a series of weapons tests North Korea has carried out since Kim in March ordered tests of a nuclear warhead explosion and ballistic missiles capable of carrying such warheads.

Pyongyang said it conducted a similar test of a warhead-detonating device when it fired a submarine-launched

missile in April.

North Korea is pushing to manufacture a warhead small enough to be placed on a long-range missile that can reach the continental U.S., but South Korean defense officials say the North doesn't yet have such a miniaturized warhead. Some civilian experts, however, believe the North has the technology to put warheads on shorter-range missiles that can strike South Korea and Japan.

The three reported launches came as North Korea loudly criticized the planned deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system in South Korea. Seoul officials said all three missiles landed in the waters off the North's east coast.

Afghan officials report Taliban attacks, uptick in violence

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Taliban launched multiple attacks in Afghanistan on Tuesday, including on a strategic tunnel in the Hindu Kush mountains that links the capital, Kabul, with the country's north and south, officials said.

The attacks marked what may be the first uptick in violence since the Muslim holy month of Ramadan ended in early July. Violence typically takes a downturn during Ramadan's dawn-to-dusk fasting. The Taliban are widely expected to launch a ferocious fight during the height of summer, though Afghan and U.S. military officials have noted that campaign

has been slow to start.

In the northern province of Kunduz, local police commander Nabi Ghichi said that hundreds of Taliban gunmen have been attacking the Qalay-i-Zal district since before dawn on Monday and have not yet been completely pushed back. The assaults have been coming in waves, he said, adding that he has only 85 men and little logistical support.

Kunduz has been a particular target of the Taliban for the past year. Last September, they took the provincial capital, also called Kunduz, and held it for three days—the first time the insurgents succeeded

in taking control of a major city since their regime was toppled in 2001.

Kunduz was threatened again in April, when the attacks were repelled by Afghan troops working with U.S. forces under new guidelines issued by President Barack Obama, allowing them to work more closely with Afghan offensive operations and utilize more air power.

"Right now, the Taliban insurgents have control of 50 percent of Qalay-i-Zal's territory," said Ghichi. It's one of the six districts of Kunduz province, which borders Tajikistan to the north.

Communist Party newspaper People's Daily.

India court warns Rahul Gandhi could face defamation trial

NEW DELHI (AP)—India's top court has ordered a scion of India's Nehru-Gandhi family to express regret or face defamation charges for blaming the country's top Hindu nationalist organization for the 1948 assassination of independence leader Mohandas Gandhi. The Supreme Court on Tuesday did not accept Rahul Gandhi's plea that what he said in 2014 was based on government records and a court ruling and that he didn't directly refer to Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh, or the National Volunteers Group. Gandhi, vice president of the opposition Congress Party, was not present in court and was represented by his attor-

ney. He had made the remarks while campaigning for the Congress Party before 2014 national elections. The court scheduled the next hearing for July 27, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

Third earthquake shakes Tokyo in 4 days

TOKYO (AP)—The Japan Meteorological Agency says a moderately strong earthquake shook the Japanese capital for the third time in four days. The agency says the magnitude 5.0 quake struck at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday Japan time about 50 kilometers (30 miles) northeast of Tokyo in southern Ibaraki prefecture at a depth of 50 kilometers. There was no tsunami risk, and there were no immediate reports of damage or injury. A magnitude 5.0 earthquake Sunday, also in Ibaraki, was followed by a 5.2 quake in Chiba prefecture Tuesday.

World

Jitters amid fear of new attacks after Nice bloodshed last week

NICE, France (AP)—An axe attack on a German train. Four people stabbed in the French Alps. A shooting in Britain.

Scattered violence across Europe is sparking fears that copycats may be striking out after the truck rampage that killed dozens on a Nice beachfront, prompting panicked police deployment and leading to a likely extension of France's 8-month-old state of emergency.

The incidents are drawing greater attention than usual from police and on social media after last week's Bastille Day attack on Nice fiercely interrupted the European vacation season, killing at least 84 people.

On Tuesday, a Moroccan man stabbed a woman and three girls in the French Alps. In southern France, jittery authorities evacuated a hotel

after a man refusing to pay his bill barricaded himself in his room. A shooting in Britain prompted concern that it was more than an isolated incident.

It's just the kind of fear that extremist groups like Islamic State want to sow. The group is boasting about the Nice violence in statements, videos and graphics—and about a stabbing in Bavaria by an angry 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker, the first IS-claimed violence in Germany.

That fear drove French President Francois Hollande to push for an extension of a state of emergency that's been in place since deadly attacks on Paris in November.

"We could have thought that we didn't need it anymore. But after the Nice attack ... as long as we don't know if

it could prompt imitations, as long as we don't know all the exact reasons, my responsibility is to extend the state of emergency," he said Tuesday, urging lawmakers to approve the extension as they debate it this week.

While critics note that the state of emergency didn't prevent the Nice attack, the French Parliament is expected to prolong it for three or six months. It allows greater police powers to search homes and hold people under house arrest.

Six people are currently in custody in the Nice attack investigation, and five are undergoing questioning in the French anti-terrorism agency headquarters near Paris and face likely charges of complicity in the violence, authorities said Tuesday.

German train attacker vowed 'revenge on the infidels'

WUERZBURG, Germany (AP)—A 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker vowing "revenge on these infidels" went on an ax-and-knife rampage on a train in southern Germany, wounding five people before being shot and killed by police—an attack that German authorities conceded Tuesday was almost impossible to prevent.

German officials didn't identify the attacker or the victims, but Hong Kong's immigration department said among those wounded were four members of a family of five from the southern Chinese city.

The dpa news agency reported the attacker wounded the 62-year-old father, the 58-year-old mother, their



adult daughter and her boyfriend. The teenage son was not hurt. The father and the boyfriend had tried to defend the other family members,

dpa said.

At least one member of the Chinese family and another woman attacked outside the train were in life-threatening condition, according to Bamberg prosecutor Erik Ohlenschlaeger.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the Monday night train attack, which came less than a week after the Bastille Day truck attack in Nice, France, also claimed by IS, in which 84 people were killed.

Bavaria's top security official Joachim Herrmann said, while the Nice attack was "clearly another dimension," in both cases the choices of weapons and targets made them "extremely difficult to prevent in any fashion."

ASIAN BRIEFS

China criticizes street protests over arbitration ruling

BEIJING (AP)—China's state media is criticizing scattered street protests by young people angry over an international tribunal's ruling last week that denied Beijing's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea. Over recent days, protesters have gathered outside KFC restaurants in several cities, unfurling banners and calling for a boycott of the U.S. chain. The official China Daily said Wednesday such actions interfered with legitimate business and humiliate customers by accusing them of being unpatriotic. It said that while such random acts are an expression of patriotism, in the end they "do a disservice to the spirit of devotion to the nation." The editorial echoed one Tuesday in the

WORLD BRIEFS

Turkish jets strike rebels in Iraq following failed coup

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey's state-run news agency says Turkish jets have carried out cross-border strikes against Kurdish rebel positions in northern Iraq, killing 20 alleged militants. Wednesday's strikes come as Turkey's military is reeling from a failed coup by a faction within the armed forces and appear to be an attempt to show that the forces are on top of security matters. Authorities have rounded up close to 9,000 people - including 115 generals, 350 officers and some 4,800 other military personnel for alleged

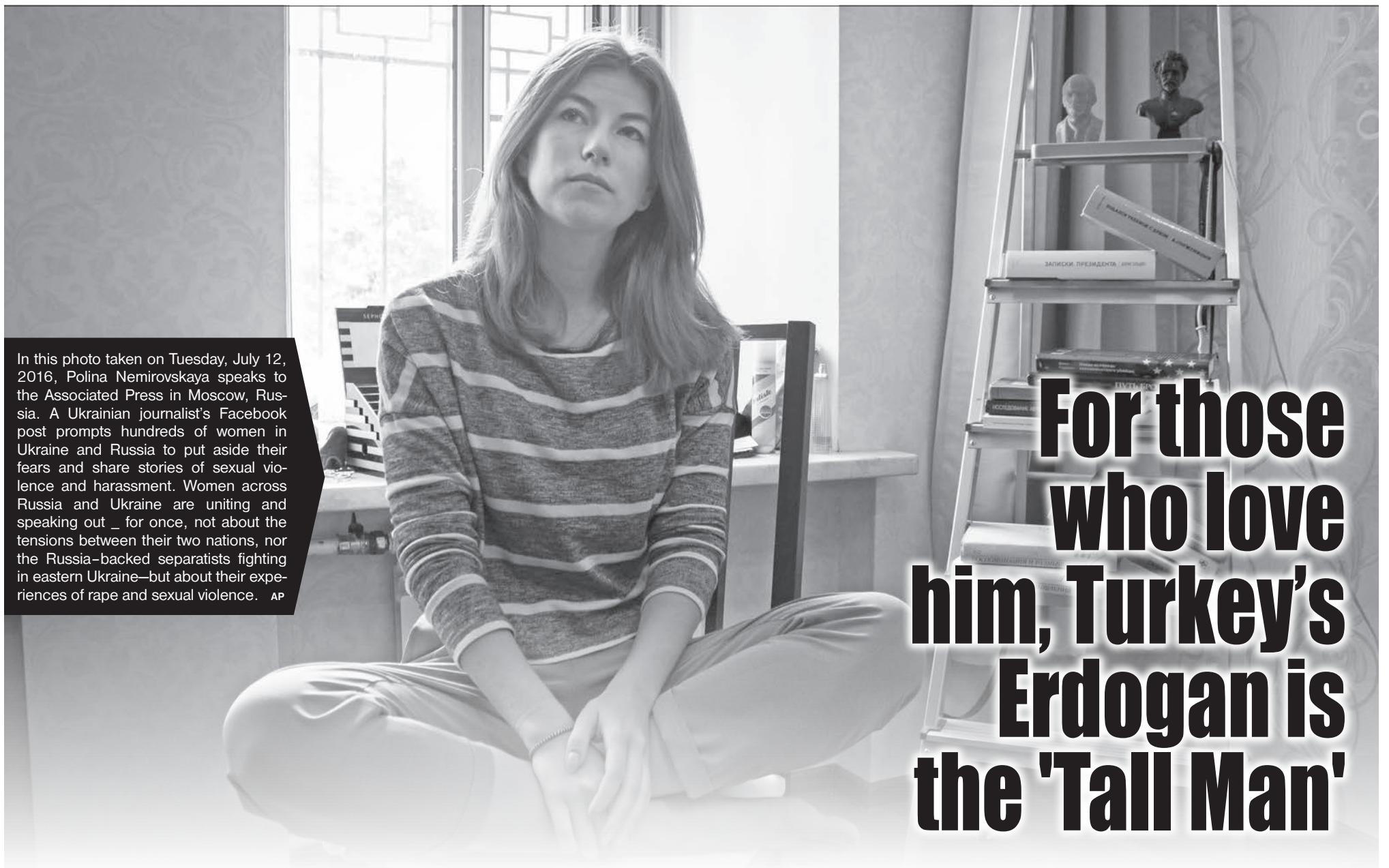
involvement in the takeover. Officials on Wednesday raised the death toll from the attempted coup to 240 government supporters. At least 24 coup plotters were also killed. The government says a U.S.-based Muslim cleric was the mastermind behind the failed take-over and has demanded his extradition.

Russian investigators detained in probe linked to gangs

MOSCOW (AP)—A Moscow court has placed three high-ranking crime investigators in custody on suspicion of collusion with criminal gangs. The three were ordered held for two months

while the investigation into their cases continues, the state news agency Tass reported Tuesday. Earlier in the day, the FSB security service said in a statement that the investigators' homes were being searched in a probe against employees of the Investigative Committee who are suspected of abusing power and taking bribes from gangs. The committee is Russia's main criminal investigative body. Tass said those arrested were Denis Nikandrov, a top official in the committee's Moscow department, and the director and deputy director of the agency's internal security department, Mikhail Maksimenko and Alexander Lamonov.

Focus



In this photo taken on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, Polina Nemirovskaya speaks to the Associated Press in Moscow, Russia. A Ukrainian journalist's Facebook post prompts hundreds of women in Ukraine and Russia to put aside their fears and share stories of sexual violence and harassment. Women across Russia and Ukraine are uniting and speaking out — for once, not about the tensions between their two nations, nor the Russia-backed separatists fighting in eastern Ukraine—but about their experiences of rape and sexual violence. AP

For those who love him, Turkey's Erdogan is the 'Tall Man'

ISTANBUL (AP)—For those who love him, a mix of the religiously conservative and the rising middle class, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been the powerhouse who drove economic success, gave Islam a greater role and boosted regional standing. Now, Uzun Adam, or “Tall man” as he’s nicknamed in Turkish, is also the hero who stared down tanks and fighter jets.

He could not have done it without them.

The rush of thousands heeding Erdogan’s call to the streets against Friday night’s failed coup showed the religious-nationalist bulwark that shores up his rule. In their eyes, he is a man of the people who shaped the identity of modern Turkey, putting it on a par with Europe and establishing its place as a leader among Muslim nations where they feel it belongs.

“He is a hero the entire Islamic world,” said Semiha Pacal, a 50-year-old whose shop is across the street from the building where Erdogan lived for nearly 20 years in central Istanbul’s Kaptanpasa neighborhood. She notes with pride how Turkey’s most powerful politician has always kept in touch with his old neighbors.

Erdogan has made her proud to be Muslim, she said. “He has legalized heads-

carves. Before that it was banned in universities. Muslim people were relieved,” she said. “Even our cemeteries are cleaner, there are flowers blossoming there. He restored all the historical sites and mosques, made them visible.”

Erdogan sought to help his country by joining the European Union, even though, she adds, “they will not take us in since we are Muslim”—echoing the government line that membership talks have stalled because of rising Islamophobia in Europe. To prove her point, she pointed to a Quranic verse hanging on her shop wall, reading, “And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion.”

Erdogan rose through politics touting himself as the representative of Turkey’s conservative Muslim heartland, pushing against the secularism enforced by the military. Tussling with the military-backed establishment along the way, he became mayor of Istanbul in the late 1990s, rose to prime minister in 2003 and has dominated politics ever since.

Throughout, he broke secular taboos, most symbolically by allowing women wearing the headscarf into the public sphere. At the same time, he pushed a market econo-

my agenda that helped fuel an economic boom, lifting many—including among his conservative supporters—into the middle class.

Liberals have been alarmed by the overt religiosity and by what is seen as Erdogan’s increasing authoritarianism and erosion of their freedoms. Like many rulers in the region his rule was challenged when hundreds of thousands took to the streets in the summer of 2013 in protests sparked by opposition to government plans to uproot trees at Istanbul’s Gezi Park to build a shopping center. In post-coup speech, Erdogan told his supporters late Monday he will go ahead with government plans to build a mosque and a museum there “whether they want it or not.”

Erdogan’s lock appeared to be weakening in June 2015 elections in which his party lost its parliament majority—until his supporters drove him to surprise victory in a new vote months later.

His 14 years in power have transformed the country, said Ebuzer Ceyhan, a 34-year-old sandwich shop owner.

“Turkey has closed an era and opened a new one. We now see ourselves at a higher place than other countries. Now we compare ourselves with the EU. We can even say now we are surpassing EU

countries,” he said.

“If the military took over, we would never have heard the calls to prayer again.”

He was at his shop in central Istanbul when news broke of the coup. The 34-year-old couldn’t go out to join Erdogan’s supporters because he had his two young sons with him, but he was transfixed watching the events unfold on TV.

On his way home after closing shop, he was cut on his forehead by flying shrapnel from clashes between soldiers and Erdogan backers. He later learned a friend was shot to death as he tried to wrestle a soldier off a tank.

“This is something you never forget,” Ceyhan said, his voice cracking.

That makes him worry about the country’s future. He said he always saw the military as part of Turkey’s identity—mandatory service means everyone feels a part of it. But he said there had long been talk of the growing influence of anti-Erdogan powers in the military, and now part of the army had turned its guns on people and ran them over in the street.

For him, Erdogan evokes a powerful Ottoman ruler, promoting Islamic culture and relations with Muslim nations. He said Erdogan took a bold risk to help fellow Sunni

Muslims in Syria against President Bashar Assad’s campaign to crush the rebellion against his rule.

Huseyin Ustunbasi, a 65-year old retiree, marched in the streets when the call went out Friday night.

He was coming to the aid of an old friend. He and Erdogan lived in the same building for nearly 20 years. Three years Erdogan’s senior, he watched his rise from young political activist taking part in rallies, clashing with security and calling out corrupt officials to become the towering figure in Turkish politics.

Throughout, Erdogan kept in touch with his people, visited and joined them at weddings, Ustunbasi said. When Ustunbasi’s father-in-law died, Erdogan found a burial plot when cemeteries said no spaces were available.

“It is because of his closeness to the people, that they wanted to topple him,” he said.

Mustafa Akyol, a lecturer on politics and faith at Istanbul Fatih University, described Erdogan’s power base as moderate Muslims, some ultra-conservatives and the rising middle class. A wide section of the bureaucracy backs Erdogan, and the post-coup purge will increase that as Erdogan brings in loyalists.

“That community is now

very agitated and think Turkey is under attack, they have to defend the government,” said Akyol. “That euphoria is understandable. But it also has the risk of turning into witch-hunts and enmity against people who have nothing to do with the coup but who are just critical of Erdogan.”

Opposition parties and many of Erdogan’s critics were unified against the coup attempt, but there have been reports on social media of attacks near gatherings of government supporters on people suspected for whatever reason of being secular, such as one man with a tattoo who was attacked. At least three websites critical of the government, including a left-leaning one, have been shut down.

Ustunbasi dismisses fears Erdogan will have no tolerance for opponents after the failed coup. He calls that sort of talk propaganda. The man he knows always tried to lead by example, not force. To prove his point, he said that even though he drinks, smokes and doesn’t pray—all violations of the code of a pious Muslim—it never hurt his friendship with Erdogan.

He said Erdogan would see him walking to a bar, and instead of criticizing him would tease him, “Which mosque are you praying at Huseyin?”

Environment

Study: Global cloud coverage shifting in ominous sign of climate change

By **ERIC ROSTON**
BLOOMBERG NEWS

NEW YORK—When politicians talk of climate “uncertainty,” they’re often casting doubt on things that are well understood: Warming is happening, and humans are responsible.

When scientists talk about climate uncertainty, they’re usually talking about the clouds.

Clouds are tricky because they do two things at once. All that puffy whiteness blocks solar energy from reaching the ground, bouncing it back to space, which provides a net cooling effect. But clouds also act like a blanket, capping and trapping heat in the lower troposphere, which is where people who aren’t on the International Space Station live. That ambiguity makes it difficult to simulate with desirable precision how much and how fast the planet is warming, leaving a big mystery floating lazily over our heads.

Some of that uncertainty was lifted Monday, and the news isn’t good. A new study in *Nature* analyzes almost 30 years of weather observations to show that clouds and cloudiness are changing in the way scientists would expect in a warming world. Continental storm tracks — think jet stream — are shifting poleward, leaving populous subtropical latitudes uncovered. And the clouds

that are forming more often aren’t the low-lying, reflective ones that cool the planet — they’re the huge cottony anvils that rise high in the sky, trapping more heat.

“Cloud changes most consistently predicted by global climate models are currently occurring in nature,” the authors write. “As cloud tops rise, their greenhouse effect becomes stronger.”

Also, as the poleward shift continues, heat from the tropics expands further away from the equator, an unsettling development for already arid cities in places like the U.S. southwest. Less light is reflected away from the hot middle of the Earth, and increased cloud cover toward the poles creates a thickening blanket that warms the world.

A couple of things make clouds such a conundrum to climate scientists. They form through processes too small to observe, and their layering blocks satellite views of lower clouds and ground views of higher clouds. Satellite coverage goes back only to the late 1970s, with technologies designed for weather monitoring. The new study corrects the weather record to make sense for climate analysis.

“We don’t have a climate monitoring system,” said Joel Norris, a climatologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the lead author of the new paper. “It’s hard to

sustain a long-term climate monitoring program.” Political priorities change, budgets drop, technology evolves, and climate scientists are left having to extract consistent, long-term data from measurements taken without the long term in mind.

The corrected data should help improve their confidence in cloud studies, which currently isn’t very high. The 2013 science overview put out by the authoritative Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded that although independent sets of

cloud observations are similar, “substantial ambiguity and therefore low confidence (remain) in the observations of global-scale cloud variability and trends.”

“This is an exciting and comprehensive study,” said Kate Marvel, a scientist at

NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies. “But other studies have found that these things are happening, and this work provides more evidence of these effects.”

Next up for the study’s authors is to untangle further how natural events, such as volcanoes, and greenhouse-led warming contribute to the cloud changes. Ultimately, greater understanding of how clouds behave will help strengthen projections of the rate and trajectory of global warming.

BELOVED †FRANCISCO SANTOS PALACIOS

Lovingly known as “DINO”

Born to Life on July 02, 1936
Called to his Eternal Life by our Dear Lord
on Friday, July 15, 2016

Predeceased by:

Wife: †Fermina Castro Palacios
Son: †Francisco Castro Palacios
Great Grand Daughter: †Elizabeth Fermina Chong Lizama
Father: †Jose San Miguel Palacios
Mother: †Maria Santos Palacios

Survived by:

Wife: Guoqin Zhao Palacios
Children/Spouse: Francisca/Juan San Nicolas (Mathew, Monique, Christopher)
Priscilla T. Castro (Don Joseph/ Jin (Christian), Brandon, Galelynn/Ryan, Garnette, Gloyd Jr)
Dino C. Palacios Jr./Jennifer C. Cabrera (Kimberly/Tony (Cheryl Mo’ika, Kiara Renae, Richard Jr), Dina Marie/ Greg, Britney/Ray, Dino Jr (Destiny Faith), Spencer Jon, Nichole/Keoni (Aariani, Kekoa), Josie Beth/Jared)
Elizabeth Marie P. /Larry T. Olouachel (Chelsea Taylor)
Julie Ann P. Guerrero/Benjamin S. Tagabuel (Joey Ignatio/Bluu, Nina Marie (Kevin Jesus), Francisco, JP)
Jennifer C. Palacios/Moses M. Sibetang (Kenneth Frankie (Kennani Vinae), Almina Joan, Lizann Marie, Moses Miguel)
Chavo C. Palacios/Niona SN. Barcinas (Camarin Nicole, Chavo Anthony, Caden Antonio, Carly Rose)

Reared Children: Frankie/Rosie Muna & Children
Tina/Frank Aguon & Children
Lillian Marie/Keith Reed & Children
Tian Shan Shan/Wan Chen
Brother/Sisters: †Jose/Rosa Palacios & Children
†Isabel/†Samuel Cabrera & Children
†Dolores/Gary Curly & Children
Maria/Antonio Muna & Children
Remedio/†Hasmid Haro & Children
In-Laws: †Maria Taitano & Children
†Cornelio/Joaquina Castro & Children
Jose/Margarita Castro & Children
†Jesus/Theresita Aldan & Children
†David/†Maria Aldan & Children
Escolastica/†Francisco Agulto & Children
Juliana/Juan Cabrera & Children
Vicente/Dolores Aldan & Children
Augustine/Olivia Aldan & Children
†Juan Aldan
Guoshun/Shixue & Children
Guorong/Cui Deng Ming & Children
Guofang/Ming Liang & Children

Rosary & Mass

July 15, 2016 to July 21, 2016
6:00 p.m. San Antonio Church followed by the Holy Rosary

July 22, 2016
6:00 a.m. San Antonio Church followed by the rosary at the family residence in Chalan Kanoa Dist #1 Margarita Street at 6:30 p.m.

Final Day – Mt. Carmel Cathedral

July 23, 2016 Responso at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m.

Interment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Science Matters

Weird life prospers in the deep worlds

Wildly diverse kinds of life are being found in the ocean depths, and the search for life far underground has still penetrated only a few hundred meters deep.

Dark diet of toxic chemicals

Hydrothermal vents on the ocean floor spew out boiling hot water thick with hydrogen sulfide and other toxic chemicals

And yet, bacteria flourish there, lying in mats and forming the basis for a busy food chain of larger animals

They live on electricity

Deep in a gold mine in South Dakota, researchers have found a strange strain of bacteria

Contrary to today's theories of how bacteria use energy, these take up electrons directly from metal, then release them back into the environment

Fatty membrane of a bacterial cell usually acts as an electrical insulator

Lithoautotroph bacterium

Dining on nuclear by-products

For millions of years, bacteria have lived deep in a South African rock formation, isolated from Earth's surface

Their food, sulfur and hydrogen, comes from the radioactive decay of minerals

Bacteria found in mine's ancient water do not depend on sunlight for nourishment

Scientists sampled water in mine 2 miles (3 km) below surface

Microbes like these may be flourishing on planets that look uninhabitable to familiar life forms

Source: Moh El-Naggar of University of Southern California; Craig Cary of University of Delaware; Tullis Onstott of Princeton University; NASA

Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

'Star Trek Beyond' gracefully finds orbit amid tragedy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—When the “Star Trek Beyond” cast and filmmakers gathered in Los Angeles last month for Anton Yelchin’s funeral, they had a decision to make. Their film, the third in the rebooted series, was coming out in less than a month and a rigorous press tour was imminent. They could either put themselves out there to promote the film in the raw and devastating weeks following the death of their beloved co-star, or they could withdraw.

“We came to the conclusion in the end (that) if we withdraw, we’re going to risk not helping a film that should be seen, not least because it stars Anton Yelchin,” said Simon Pegg. “That’s how we found the strength to be here ... It’s hard to talk about, but we don’t want to not talk about it. If we don’t talk about it, it’s like we’re ignoring it.”

But persevering in the face of hardship and loss is in the fabric of “Star Trek,” which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with this new tale of hope and unity in the federation.

“Star Trek Beyond” was supposed to be business as usual, with a few tweaks behind the scenes. J.J. Abrams, who re-launched the series in



In this image released by Paramount Pictures, from left, Anton Yelchin, Chris Pine and John Cho appear in a scene from, “Star Trek Beyond.”

2009 with a new cast and directed the 2013 sequel, had his hands full with “Star Wars: The Force Awakens,” and would cede directing responsibilities to Justin Lin—the man who turned the lagging “Fast & Furious” series into an international phenomenon.

Gone, too, were screenwriters Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman. Instead, Pegg, who plays Scotty in the films, was tasked with taking on the additional responsibility of writ-

ing the screenplay with Doug Jung. It wasn’t going to be easy. No blockbuster ever is. But the “Beyond” crew had an insanely short window to work with. By the time Pegg, Jung and Lin started on the story, it was the end of January 2015. They had to start filming in June.

“Justin was in a situation that no director should ever be in: Prepping a movie that wasn’t written yet,” Pegg said.

There was already a crew in

Vancouver waiting for directions on what to build for the set.

“I equate it to us driving a car and building a road at the same time,” Lin said.

In front of the camera, things mostly looked the same. Chris Pine was back as Captain James Kirk, as was Karl Urban (Bones), Zoe Saldana (Uhura), Zachary Quinto (Spock), Yelchin (Chekov) and John Cho (Sulu), who is revealed to be gay in the latest film. There were a few additions, too, in

Idris Elba as the terrifying villain Krall and Sofia Boutella as the scrappy loner Jaylah, who early on in the story process was referred to by the cast as “Hannah Solo.”

And then, in late February 2015, Leonard Nimoy—the man who originated Mr. Spock—died of end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease at age 83. While Quinto had taken over his character officially, Nimoy had appeared in both new films as Spock Prime and the door was left open for his return.

“We knew we were going to make a tribute to Leonard when it happened, but we thought let’s make him part of the DNA of the story too,” Pegg said.

So Pegg and Jung wrote Ambassador Spock’s off-screen death into the film, using it to affect Quinto’s arc, and also serve as an elegy to the actor.

Of course, no one could have foreseen that they would lose another before the film came out, and one of their youngest, in Yelchin who was only 27 when he died after being struck by his own car last month.

When the accident happened, Yelchin’s work on the film was finished, but Lin was still a few weeks away from

completion, and so part of his and his post-production crew’s mourning involved revisiting all of Yelchin’s takes—something Lin was all too familiar with. Paul Walker died while “Furious 7” was still in production.

The close-knit cast and crew of “Star Trek” were also able to say goodbye together at the funeral.

“It was this incredible bond from the very beginning with all of them. And the reality is that this experience, to be at the funeral with all of them, it was really the only kind of salvation for us,” Abrams said. “We all had each other.”

John Williams greets ‘Star Wars’ musicians outside home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two musicians earned a greeting from legendary Hollywood film composer John Williams by playing his theme from “Star Wars” outside of his Los Angeles home.

A video of the performance was posted on YouTube by Michael Miller, himself a longtime TV composer. The clip shows him playing the famous theme on flugelhorn alongside 13-year-old trumpet player Bryce Hayashi last week on the sidewalk in front of Williams’ home.

The performance drew the composer to his door, and he later walked down to shake hands with the musicians.

Miller told The Associated Press he came up with the “wild and crazy” idea to take the teen he was mentoring to serenade the composer, who lived a couple houses down from Miller’s friend’s home.

It was the first time the two had performed the duet flawlessly, Miller said.

Miller called himself a big “Star Wars” fan, but added, “I’m probably more of a John Williams fan than a ‘Star Wars’ fan.”

On the video, the 84-year-old Williams joked he didn’t think the teen would be able to hit the high notes, but he did.

Williams was honored with a life achievement award from the American Film Institute earlier this year. He’s also known for his compositions for “Jaws,” the “Indiana Jones” and “Jurassic Park” series and other films. He has won five Academy Awards for his film scores.

‘Star Trek,’ ‘Aliens’ celebrating anniversaries at Comic-Con

By DERRIK J. LANG
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

“Star Trek” is going to Comic-Con to celebrate its birthday in a bold way.

The intergalactic franchise is among several long-running entertainment properties scheduled to mark major milestones at this week’s pop-culture extravaganza in San Diego.

The series’ 50th anniversary will be celebrated alongside the likes of the 20th birthday of the spooky video game series “Resident Evil,” the 25th anniversary of the Disney animated musical “Beauty and the Beast” and the 75th year of lasso-swinging superhero Wonder Woman.

In recent years, San Diego Comic-Con has become a go-to destination for Hollywood to celebrate—and promote—its most established entertainment properties to the more than 160,000 fans in attendance (and everyone else following the action online).

“We’ve been to all sorts of sci-fi and ‘Trek’ conventions, but Comic-Con is an entirely different beast,” said Rod Roddenberry, son of the

late “Trek” creator Gene Roddenberry and president of Roddenberry Entertainment. “With so many different kinds of fans in attendance, it just made sense for us to celebrate this big birthday with everyone that goes to this amazing convention.”

The sci-fi series’ anniversary will first be toasted outside the San Diego Convention Center on Wednesday evening with the U.S. premiere of the new film “Star Trek Beyond,” then all week long inside the cavernous venue with several “Trek” talks, including panels featuring lawyers and astronauts inspired by the series.

The festivities will culminate with a Saturday panel on stage inside Hall H, the convention center’s largest space, which will bring together stars from each “Trek” installment. The gathering is expected to feature fans’ first glimpse at a new “Trek” series set to debut next year on the CBS All Access streaming video service.

“We don’t just want to use this opportunity to look behind us in the rearview mirror but also what’s ahead of us in the front windshield, as well,” said



In this July 22, 2011 file photo, actor William Shatner answers a question during a panel for the movie “The Captains” at the Comic-Con International 2011 convention in San Diego.

Trevor Roth, who serves as COO of Roddenberry Entertainment and an executive producer on the new “Trek” show.

Other properties celebrating hallmark birthdays include the 20th season of “South Park,” the 75th anniversary of Archie Comics and the 30th anniversary of “Aliens.” The cast and crew of the sci-fi sequel, including actress Sigourney Weaver and director James Cameron, will be on hand for a Saturday panel.

“We’re actually only a few

days off from the actual 30th anniversary, so the timing could not be more perfect,” said “Aliens” producer Gale Anne Hurd. “It’s interesting that the film still holds up after all these years. At a time when almost everything we see on screen is a computer-generated visual effect, almost everything in ‘Aliens’ was created using practical effects.”

Nickelodeon is hosting an after-hours event outside the convention center to celebrate the 30th anniversary

of the slime-covered kids’ game show “Double Dare.” The show’s original host will return to the podium for the first time in 16 years to lead a special episode that will be streamed live on Facebook.

“When the phone call came from Nick, the answer to do it was ‘absolutely,’” said “Double Dare” host Marc Summers. “I didn’t have to think about it. ‘Double Dare’ was the show that put me on the map, and the fans have been extremely loyal throughout the years. Why wouldn’t I stand behind that podium again?”

Beyond all the retrospective revelry, it will be business as usual at Comic-Con with stars from the most popular TV shows on hand for Q&A sessions, including “The Walking Dead,” “Game of Thrones,” “Teen Wolf,” “Gotham,” “Arrow” and “The Flash.”

On the movie front, Marvel will be back after taking last year off with looks at “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2” and “Doctor Strange,” while Warner Bros. will hype the forthcoming releases of “Suicide Squad” and “Wonder Woman.”

Writer-director Garry Marshall dies at age 81

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Writer-director Garry Marshall, whose deft touch with comedy and romance led to a string of TV hits that included “Happy Days” and “Laverne & Shirley” and the box-office successes “Pretty Woman” and “Runaway Bride,” has died. He was 81.

Marshall died Tuesday in a hospital in Burbank, California of complications from pneumonia after having a stroke, his publicist Michelle Bega said in a statement.

The director also had an on-screen presence, using his New York accent and gruff delivery in colorful supporting roles that included a practical-

mind casino boss unswayed by Albert Brooks’ disastrous luck in “Lost in America” and a crass network executive in “Soapdish.”

“In the neighborhood where we grew up in, the Bronx, you only had a few choices,” Marshall said in a 1980s interview. “You were either an athlete or a gangster, or you were funny.”

Marshall, brother of actress-director Penny Marshall, earned a degree in journalism from Northwestern University and worked at the New York Daily News. But he found he was better at writing punchlines.

He began his entertainment career in the 1960s sell-



AP
In this April 7, 1978 file photo, producers of the television comedy show “Happy Days,” from left, Ed Milkis, Tom Miller and Garry Marshall, are shown in Los Angeles.

pire.

In January 1979, Marshall had three of the top five comedies on the air with “Happy Days,” which ran from 1974-84; “Laverne & Shirley” (1976-83), which starred sister Penny Marshall and Cindy Williams, and “Mork and Mindy” (1978-82) with newcomer Robin Williams.

“Critics have knocked me for targeting society’s lowest common denominator,” he said in his 1995 autobiography, “Wake Me When It’s Funny,” written with his daughter, Lori Marshall.

“I believe that television was, and still is, the only medium that can truly reach society’s lowest common denominator and entertain those people who maybe can’t afford a movie or a play. So why not reach them and do it well?” he said.

Penny Marshall told The New York Times in 2001 that her brother “has a life. He’s not into the show business glitterati. If he has a hot movie, that’s great. But if he has something that doesn’t do great, he’s not around those people who won’t speak to you or will make you feel terrible.”

After cranking out what Marshall once estimated to be 1,000 sitcom episodes, he switched his focus to the big screen with 1984’s “The Flamingo Kid,” a coming-of-age story starring Matt Dillon, which Marshall wrote and directed.

Queen: Trump wasn’t authorized to use ‘We Are the Champions’

NEW YORK (AP)—Queen says they don’t want Donald Trump using their music and the classic rock band’s publishing company says Trump has not asked for permission to use the group’s songs.

Sony/ATV Music Publishing—which administers Queen’s catalog including songs such as “We Are the Champion”—said a statement Tuesday they have repeatedly asked Trump not to use the “We Are the Champions,” which he played Monday during the first day of the Republican National Convention. Last month, Queen guitarist Brian May also wrote a blog post protesting the use of the song by the Trump campaign.

“Sony/ATV Music Publishing has never been asked by Mr. Trump, the Trump campaign or the Trump Organization for permission to use ‘We are the Champions’ by Queen. On behalf of the



AP
Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump applauds as he steps to the podium to introduce his wife Melania during the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Monday, July 18, 2016.

band, we are frustrated by the repeated unauthorized use of the song after a previous request to desist, which has obviously been ignored by Mr. Trump and his campaign,” the statement read.

Trump’s representative did not respond to questions about the Sony/ATV complaint Tuesday.

Queen also tweeted they

were unhappy about Trump’s use of the song on Tuesday: “An unauthorised use at the Republican Convention against our wishes.”

Before Melania Trump gave a speech in Cleveland at the RNC, Trump made a brief appearance to introduce her and walked onstage to Queen’s 1977 hit song.

“Queen does not want its

music associated with any mainstream or political debate in any country. Nor does Queen want ‘We are the Champions’ to be used as an endorsement of Mr. Trump and the political views of the Republican Party,” the statement continued. “We trust, hope and expect that Mr. Trump and his campaign will respect these wishes moving forward.”

Other musicians, including the Rolling Stones, also have asked Trump to stop using their songs.

Adele and Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler both asked the candidate to stop using their recorded songs to fire up crowds. Neil Young also objected when the real estate mogul used “Rockin’ in the Free World” during his campaign kickoff announcement last year. In both those cases, the Trump campaign stopped using the songs.

ing jokes to comedians, then moved to writing sketches for “The Tonight Show” with Jack Paar in New York. He caught the eye of comic Joey Bishop, who brought him to Los Angeles to write for “The Joey Bishop Show.”

Sitcoms quickly proved to be Marshall’s forte. He and then-writing partner Jerry Belson turned out scripts for the most popular comedies of the ‘60s, including “The Lucy Show,” “The Danny Thomas Show” and “The Dick Van Dyke Show.”

Marshall and Belson de-toured into screenwriting in 1967 with “How Sweet It Is,” starring Debbie Reynolds, and followed it up with “The Grasshoppers” (1970) with Jacqueline Bisset. But the two men kept their hand in TV.

In 1970, they turned Neil Simon’s Broadway hit, “The Odd Couple,” into a sitcom starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall and produced by Marshall. It ran for five seasons and proved the beginning of a TV sitcom em-

Husband wants long-lost sister to remain that way

DEAR ABBY: My husband and his sister had a rough childhood in foster care. Long story short, they lost contact for 10 years—until now. She found us on Facebook and was desperate to know if she had found her brother or not. My husband ignored her. He isn’t sure he ever wants to rebuild a relationship with her.

I know that’s his decision to make, and if he doesn’t want her in his life, that’s fine. But I couldn’t live with myself if I ignored her, too. I just wanted her to know she could stop looking and wondering if her brother is still alive. So I told her. She was grateful to have some closure and know that he is doing well, and she reassured me that she wouldn’t contact him again unless he reaches out to her. Even if they never talk again, I think she deserved to know she had found him.

Now I feel guilty for going behind his back and meddling in things that aren’t my business. But I can’t imagine spending my whole life searching for a family member, when someone could have been honest with me and given me peace of mind. Did I make a terrible mistake, and should I come clean to my husband about what I did?

FEELING GUILTY IN GEORGIA

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: You failed to mention the

reason for your husband’s ambivalence about re-establishing a relationship with his sister. Now that she has found you on Facebook, she can follow his whole life, unless you block her. Whether you made a terrible mistake remains to be seen. If the sister contacts your husband again, you will have to tell him what you did. He may have wanted to protect his privacy. As long as she doesn’t, I think you should keep your mouth shut.

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old daughter has just finished school. She now wants to take a gap year and work to save enough to travel overseas. The problem is, she’s so eager to get away from home that she wants to move to another city to work.

I have advised her that staying home and working will allow her to save more to travel, and she would have to pay for her food, accommodation and transportation, and would have little left over to save to travel. She got upset with me and could not understand why I wouldn’t want to pay her rent or support her. Am I being unreasonable saying that she should pay her own way if she moves out of the home?

MOM IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

DEAR MOM: If anyone thinks that an attitude of en-

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titlement is strictly a problem in the United States, your letter should banish that notion. What you told your daughter makes perfect sense. If she wants independence, she should be prepared to accept the responsibility for living that way.

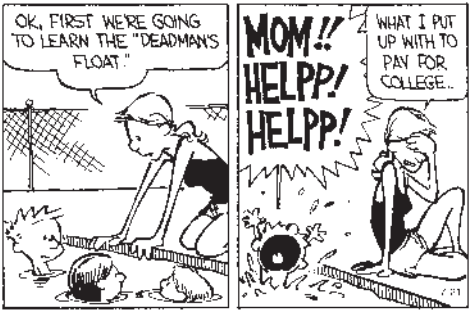
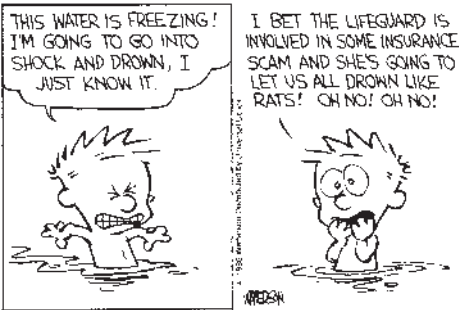
I would, however, encourage you to continue the dialogue with her so you can understand why she feels the need to live apart from you, on the chance that a compromise might be possible. I’m sure it would be enlightening.

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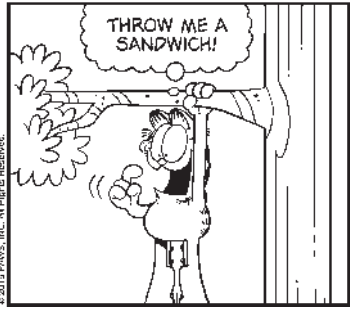
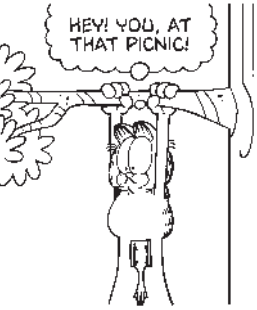
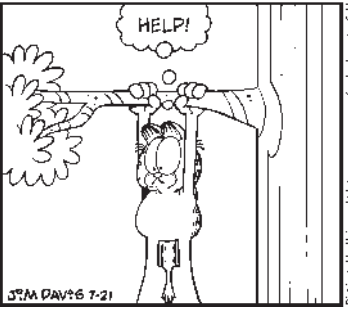
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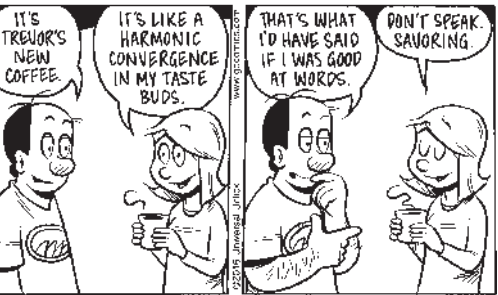
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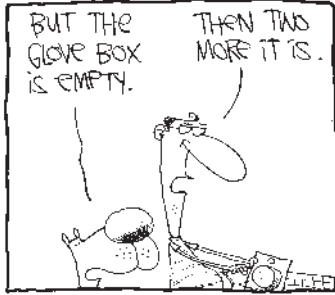
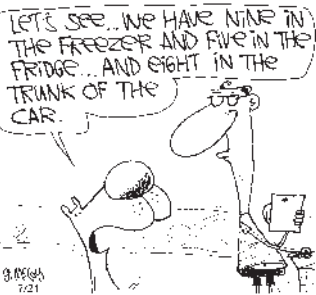
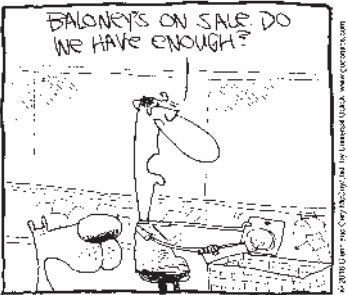
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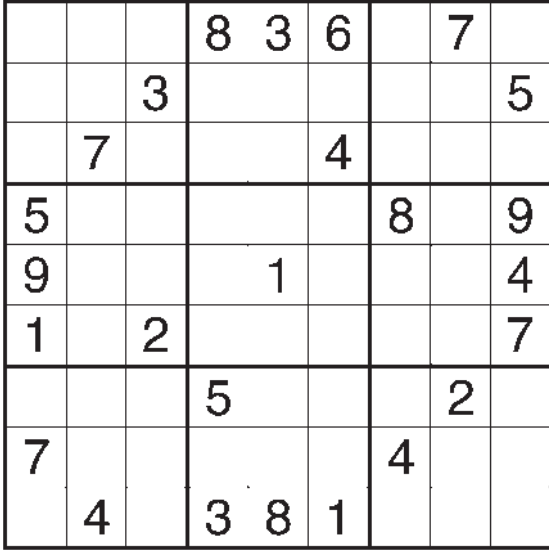
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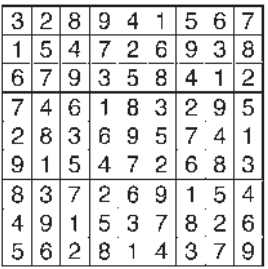
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**NORTHERN MARIANAS
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: NO. 15-0140

Plaintiff, :

-v- :

**JOAQUIN CABRERA LIZAMA and
MARY FRANCES DANFORD-LIZAMA,** :

Defendants. :

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Ortiz hits 3-run homer, Red Sox shut down Giants



BOSTON

(AP)—Back home and rested, David Ortiz isn't ready to look at the second half of the season as the final stretch just yet.

Ortiz drove a three-run homer deep into the seats in right field and Rick Porcello remained unbeaten at home as the Boston Red Sox beat the struggling San Francisco Giants 4-0 on Tuesday night.

It was the 23rd homer and first since the All-Star break for Ortiz, who is keeping Boston in contention for another title in his farewell season.

"I can do all the thinking after the season is over," said Ortiz, who plans to retire once the season ends. "Not thinking about nothing now."

Ortiz's homer in the fourth and a solo shot by Brock Holt in the third were more than enough offensive support for Porcello to remain unbeaten at home this season.

Porcello scattered four hits over 6 1/3 innings and the Red Sox won for the seventh time in eight games despite a strong start by former teammate Jake Peavy.

San Francisco remained winless since the All-Star break with its fourth straight loss. The Giants had just five hits and only three runners advanced beyond first base.

Mets 2, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Jeurys Familia escaped a bases-loaded jam with a game-ending double play after Rene Rivera drove in the tiebreaking run with two outs in the top of the ninth, lifting the New York Mets over the Chicago Cubs.

Familia walked Addison Russell and Miguel Montero to start the ninth, then Javier Baez reached on a bunt single when third baseman Jose Reyes threw wide to first. Pinch-hitter Matt Szczur hit a grounder to first baseman James Loney, and Loney threw out Russell at the plate. Kris Bryant then hit into a 5-4-3 double play to give Familia his 33rd save in 33 chances.

Dodgers 8, Nationals 4

In Washington, Chase Utley drove in three runs with three hits, including a leadoff homer that quickly spoiled the major league debut of Reynaldo Lopez and sent Los Angeles over Washington.

Los Angeles swept three games from Washington at home in June and has won six straight in the series.

Scott Kazmir (8-3) gave up one run and four hits in seven innings, striking out eight. He extended his unbeaten streak to 12 starts, going 6-0 in that span.

Pirates 3, Brewers 2

In Pittsburgh, Josh Harrison



tripled leading off the bottom of the ninth and scored when the throw from the outfield skipped past Milwaukee third baseman Hernan Perez and out of play to lift Pittsburgh.

Perez's RBI single off Pittsburgh All-Star closer Mark Melancon (1-1) with two outs in the ninth tied the game, but the tie was short-lived. Harrison's drive off Tyler Thornburg (3-4) was just out of the reach of Milwaukee center fielder Kirk Nieuwenhuis. Harrison chugged to third then popped up and strolled home when the relay throw from second baseman Scooter Gennett went by Perez.

Marlins 2, Phillies 1, 10 innings

In Philadelphia, Christian Yelich homered and drove in the winning run with a single in the 10th inning.

J.T. Realmuto added two hits for the Marlins, who won their third straight to remain one game ahead of the New York Mets for the second wild-card spot in the National League.

Adeiny Hechavarria opened the 10th with a double off David Hernandez (1-3). After Hernandez walked Martin Prado to put runners on first and second with two outs, Phillies manager Pete Mackanin lifted Hernandez so left-hander Daniel Stumpf could face the left-handed Yelich.

Indians 7, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Danny Sala-

zar handled the Royals for the third time this season while the Cleveland Indians roughed up Kansas City's starter-by-committee.

Salazar (11-3) allowed three runs over 6 2/3 innings while striking out seven.

Mike Napoli hit a two-run homer off Brian Flynn (1-1), and Carlos Santana drove in two runs.

Blue Jays 5, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Edwin Encarnacion hit his 25th home run and Aaron Sanchez pitched seven strong innings for Toronto.

Sanchez (10-1), pitching on nine days' rest thanks to the All-Star break, allowed a run and scattered six hits to improve to 9-0 in his last 15 starts. He struck out five with no walks and hit two batters. Zack Godley (2-1), called up from Triple-A Reno to make the start for Arizona, went five innings, giving up four runs, three earned, and six hits.

Yankees 7, Orioles 1

In New York, Starlin Castro hit a two-run homer and drove in four runs, Nathan Eovaldi won for the first time since May and New York beat Baltimore to move back above .500.

The AL East-leading Orioles have lost three in a row.

Castro homered in the second off Vance Worley (2-1) and hit a two-run double in the sixth. Chase Headley added a

two-run homer in the eighth.

Angels 8, Rangers 6

In Anaheim, Albert Pujols hit a pair of three-run homers and Los Angeles remained unbeaten since the All-Star break with its season-best fifth straight victory.

Pujols connected in the fourth and fifth innings against Kyle Lohse (0-2) for his second multi-homer game in three days, driving in six runs for the first time since 2009.

Pujols' homers were the 578th and 579th of his career, pulling him closer to Mark McGwire (583) for 10th place on baseball's career list.

White Sox 6, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Melky Cabrera hit a tie-breaking homer leading off the seventh inning, Todd Frazier added a two-run shot in the ninth and Chicago snapped a five-game losing streak.

Cabrera lined his ninth home run of the season just over the wall in left field off Seattle starter Wade Miley (6-7) to snap a 1-1 tie.

Twins 6, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Tommy Milone held Detroit scoreless until the ninth inning, and Minnesota broke through with five runs in the seventh.

Brian Dozier hit a two-run homer and Eduardo Nunez had three RBI.

Milone (3-2) left in the ninth. Down 6-0 at the start of the inning, Detroit scored twice and loaded the bases

Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz celebrates after his three-run homer during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants at Fenway Park, Tuesday, July 19, 2016, in Boston.

and Jose Iglesias to end it.

Rays 10, Rockies 1

In Denver, Blake Snell held Colorado to one hit over six strong innings, Evan Longoria homered and drove in three runs and Tampa Bay ended an 11-game road losing streak.

Snell (2-4) struck out nine and Matt Andriese pitched the final three innings for his first save. Steve Pearce also homered in his return from the disabled list for the Rays, who ended the third longest road losing streak in club history.

Braves 5, Reds 4, 11 innings

In Cincinnati, Atlanta's bullpen blew a two-run lead in the ninth inning, but Ender Inciarte hit a sacrifice fly in the 11th that evened a series between the NL's worst teams.

Nick Markakis started the winning rally with a single off Tony Cingrani (2-3) and took third on Jeff Francoeur's single off Blake Wood. Inciarte's fly to deep center broke the tie.

Puig trade rumors persist

LOS ANGELES—The non-waiver trade deadline in Major League Baseball is less than two weeks away, and the rumors will start ramping up in their frequency and scope in the final days. One of the Dodgers' obvious needs is an outfielder bat, which makes the latest suggestion by Ken Rosenthal of Fox Sports that the club is open to trading Yasiel Puig a little bit puzzling.

Dodgers outfielders as a whole are hitting just .233/.310/.402 on the season. They rank 12th in the National League in OPS, 12th in on-base percentage, 10th in slugging percentage, dead last in batting average, 11th in wOBA (.308) and ninth in wRC+ (.94), the latter adjusted for park.

"Would it make sense for [Puig]'s team to look for a better hitter at his position and more proficient outfielders in general? Of course it would," Rosenthal wrote. "Which is why [Puig]'s team, at the very least, is open to trading him, according to major-league sources."

The non-waiver trade deadline was moved one day forward this year so it wasn't on a Sunday. This year the deadline is at 1 p.m. PT on Monday, Aug. 1. The Dod-

gers are off that day.

Now is as good a time as any for a reminder to always fully read reports of trade rumors, at the very least for context. The worst part of trade deadline season is the game of telephone that causes a very loose rumor to be picked up by a content aggregator, going only off of a headline, and by the time the rumor gets passed around enough it gets completely distorted.

In this case, Rosenthal is at the top of the heap among national reporters both in his accuracy and his connections within the industry, so there is little reason to doubt him. But even he reported that the Dodgers are open to trading Puig, which isn't the same as the club actively shopping him.

The Dodgers are open to trade just about anybody if the price is right, outside of probably Clayton Kershaw and Corey Seager.

At the very least, this Rosenthal report is much stronger than his July 9 video report, which was more of a suggestion that the Dodgers would consider moving Puig depending on if the club made other moves and/or when Andre Ethier returns from the disabled list.

IOC explores legal options on banning all Russians from Rio

LONDON (AP)—With just over two weeks until the opening ceremony, Russia still doesn't know whether its athletes—all or even some—will be competing in the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. It may all come down to the lawyers.

While the IOC decided Tuesday to ban from the Rio Games all Russian Sports Ministry officials and other administrators implicated in allegations of a state-run doping program, it delayed a ruling on whether to take the unprecedented step of barring the entire Russian Olympic team.

The International Olympic Committee said it "will explore the legal options with regard to a collective ban of all Russian athletes for the Olympic Games 2016 versus the rights to individual justice."

The IOC has also said it could let individual international sports federations decide on whether to ban Russians from their events in Rio, just as the IAAF has done by ruling track and field athletes from the games. The 28 international federations that govern the individual sports at the summer games have made clear that they do not support a blanket ban.

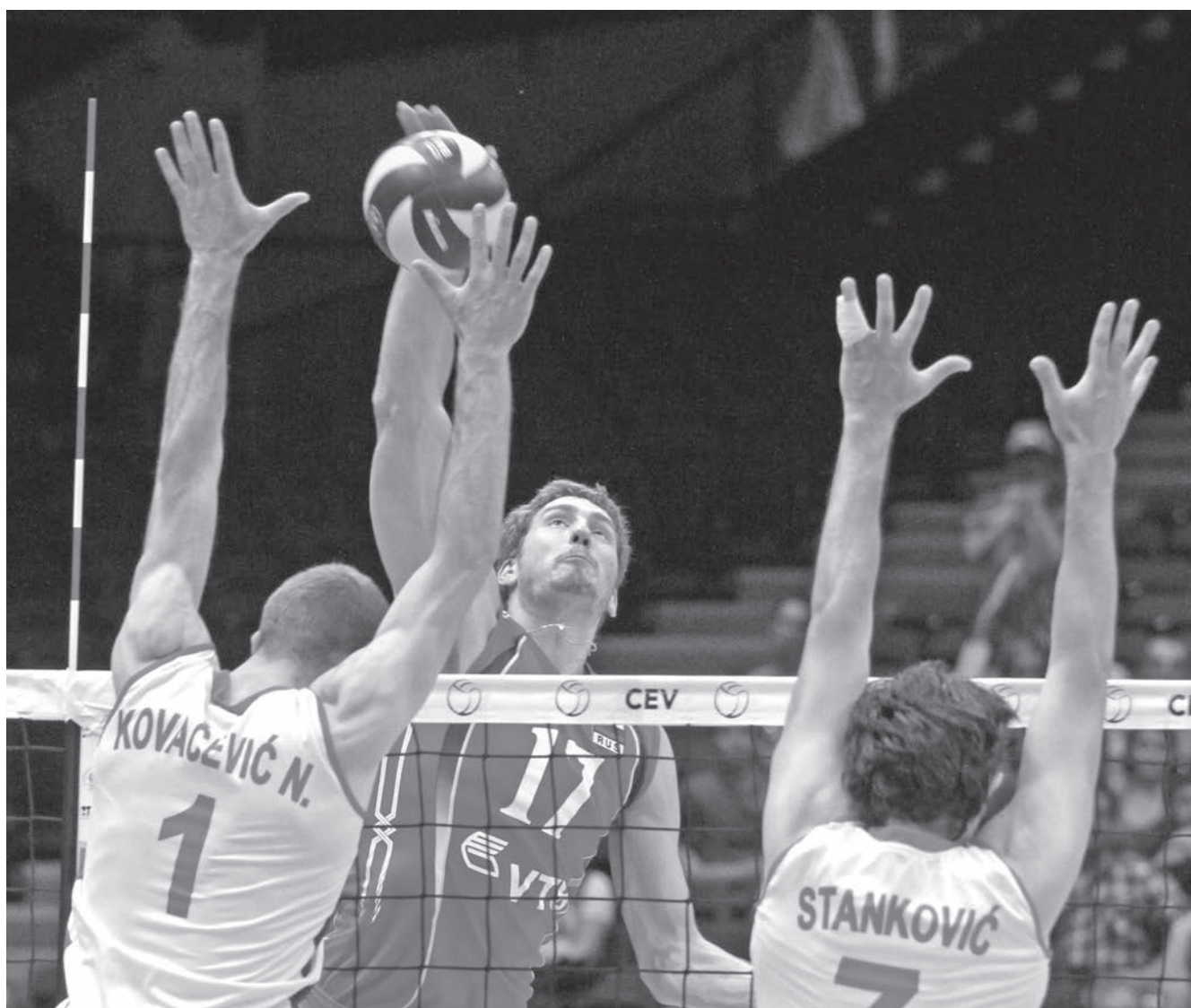
The IOC's legal options may become clearer after Thursday, when the highest court in sports will rule on an appeal by 68 Russian track and field athletes seeking to overturn their ban from the games.

Two-time Olympic pole vault champion Yelena Isinbayeva was among those arguing the Russian track and field team's case Tuesday in Geneva at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Should the court rule Thursday in their favor, it would seemingly rule out the chance of the IOC imposing a blanket ban.

If the court upholds the IAAF's exclusion of the track athletes, however, that would keep the possibility of a total ban in play. Further appeals are also possible, meaning that the final word on the Russians may go down to the wire before Aug. 5, when the Rio games open.

Still, it will take a major leap for the IOC to impose the ultimate sanction of kicking out Russia entirely. IOC President Thomas Bach has repeatedly called for a balance between "individual justice and collective punishment."

No country as a whole has ever been barred from the games for doping, and Russia is a major force in the Olympic movement as well as a sports powerhouse. The last time Russia was missing from the Olympics was when it boycotted the 1984 Los Angeles Games in retaliation for the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Moscow Games following the So-



^{AP}
In this Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 file photo Russia's Maxim Mikhailov, center, hits the ball as Serbia's, Nikola Kovacevic, left, and Dragan Stankovic, right, try to block during the semifinal match between Serbia and Russia at the European Volleyball Championships in Vienna, Austria. Maxim Mikhailov is one of the Russian stars who could miss the Rio Olympics.

While putting off a decision on banning Russia, the executive board announced a series of measures to punish Russian athletes and officials implicated in doping.

Among the sanctions, the IOC said it will not organize "or give patronage" to any sports event or meetings in Russia, including plans to hold the European Games in the country in 2019; will launch retesting, including forensic analysis, of doping samples from the Sochi Games. It set up a commission to carry out a "full inquiry" into all of the Russian athletes who competed in Sochi, along with their coaches, officials and support staff; asked WADA to extend McLaren's mandate to disclose the names of Russian athletes whose positive doping samples were covered up, and whose samples were manipulated in Sochi; and called on all international winter sports federations to "freeze" their plans for holding major events in Russia, including world championships and World Cups, and seek alternative venues in other countries.

viet invasion of Afghanistan.

Russian President Vladimir Putin called the doping allegations "a dangerous return to ... letting politics interfere with sport."

"The Olympic movement, which is a tremendous force for uniting humanity, once again could find itself on the brink of division," he said in a statement Monday after the release of the report into Russian doping issued by Canadian lawyer Richard McLaren. The 15-member IOC executive board met by teleconference Tuesday to consider its moves following McLaren's report.

The report, commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency, accused the Russian Sports Ministry, headed by Vitaly Mutko, of overseeing the doping of the country's Olympic athletes on a scale larger than previously alleged. It said the ministry had help from Russia's intelligence service, the FSB.

The investigation uncovered an alleged doping program that ensnared 28 sports, both summer and winter, and ran from 2011 to 2015. It found 312 positive tests that Russia's deputy minister of sport directed lab workers not to report to WADA.

Mutko on Tuesday denied all wrongdoing and said he expected his subordinates to be cleared. But addressing the ban by the IOC of Russian sports administrators, he said he was ready to accept it because "we have always been guests at the Olympics," and that the important issue

was that the Russian Olympic team go to the games.

The summer sports federations prefer that doping allegations are handled on an individual basis.

The Association of Summer Olympic International Federation asked WADA "to immediately provide all the detailed information to the 20 international federations concerned so that they may begin processing the individual cases under their own separate rules and regulations as soon as possible, and in line with the WADA Code and the Olympic Charter."

"It is important to focus on the need for individual justice in all these cases."

Rather than applying a total ban, federations could suspend individual Russian sports. That already was the case with the IAAF ban on Russia's track athletes from Rio following previous WADA-commissioned reports into Russian doping.

The summer association's position falls in line with recent comments by Bach, who cited the need for balancing "individual justice and collective punishment." He said last week that, if summer sports were implicated in the McLaren report, the federations would have to decide on the eligibility of Russians "on an individual basis."

McLaren's report also confirmed details of state-supported doping that subverted the testing at the 2014 Winter

Games in Sochi. That included allegations by Moscow's former lab director, Grigory Rodchenkov, that dirty urine samples of Russian athletes—including medalists—were swapped out for clean ones in covert middle-of-the-night operations at the Sochi lab.



Romo, 3 others key returning players



Tony Romo taking snaps. Joe Flacco hurling passes. Jordy Nelson and Keenan Allen catching them.

Terrell Suggs and Cam Wake harassing opposing quarterbacks. Ryan Clady trying to prevent such things.

Jamaal Charles running wild.

It sure would be nice to see these stars on the field and not on injured reserve, where they wound up in 2015.

As NFL teams head to training camp, nearly all of them have key players they desperately need to return to health. Here's a look at those most in need.

In Baltimore, No team had its season ruined more by injuries than the Ravens. Along with Flacco and Suggs, they lost half-dozen regulars, including playmakers Steve Smith Sr. and Justin Forsett.

Flacco, the 2013 Super Bowl MVP, played in 122 straight games, fifth-longest string for a quarterback in

NFL history, before tearing his left ACL and MCL in November. He believes he is on pace to start the preseason.

In Dallas, around Big D, folks fully believe Romo's return to health will ensure the Cowboys' return to the postseason. He'll likely need a similar recovery by receiver Dez Bryant—and a vastly improved defense that includes the return of cornerback Orlando Scandrick—for that to happen.

But having Romo on hand instead of Brandon Weeden or Matt Cassel or Kellen Moore, well, need we say more?

In Miami, after spending all those millions on DT Ndamukong Suh, Miami's defense ranked 25th overall, 28th against the run. It had 31 sacks; opponents had 45.

And now, sacks leader Olivier Vernon is a Giant.

That means Wake will need to, uh, wake up a unit that surrendered 44 touchdowns. He's coming off a torn left Achilles tendon that cost him nine games.

In New York, Clady has never played a snap for the Jets, who gambled and traded for him after mainstay D'Brickashaw Ferguson retired. They hope he can fill a massive hole at left tackle, something Clady has done exceptionally well for most of the seven pro seasons he's gotten onto the field.

"I'm just going to answer them by getting on the field and playing," he said of those who question his ability to return to top form. "I think I can do that."

In Green Bay, Nelson is back to supply Aaron Rodgers with a reliable threat all over the field in the passing game. Which, incidentally, will help boost the run game.

"I just need to make sure I'm ready to go come the start of training camp and the regular season," Nelson said. "That's where I'm trying to get to. I know where I need to be mentally and physically."

If he gets there, Cheesheads everywhere can breathe easier.

Woods pulls out of PGA Championship

Tiger Woods has withdrawn from the 2016 PGA Championship, making official that the 14-time major champion will not compete in any of golf's four majors this year as we near the one-year mark since Woods last played competitively.

The PGA of America announced Woods' withdrawal with the release of the final full field for next week's PGA Championship at Baltusrol in New Jersey. Harold Varner III will replace Woods in the field.

Woods did not make public comment following his decision to withdraw from the British Open. However, this time, Woods' agent, Mark Steinberg, indicated the 40-year-old will not make his competitive return until at least October.

Steinberg said, "Continuing to make progress, but simply not ready for PGA. Will not play in the '15/'16 season and will continue to rehab and

work hard to then assess when he starts play for the '16/'17 season."

The first PGA Tour event of the 2016-17 season is the Safeway Classic, played Oct. 13-16 in Napa, Calif.

Woods has not competed since August 2015, when he finished T-10 at the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, N.C. Since then, Woods

has undergone a pair of back surgeries: a microdiscectomy in September 2015 and an undisclosed follow-up procedure the next month, both on the same portion of Woods' back where a microdiscectomy was performed in April 2014.

When the PGA Championship was last played at Baltusrol in 2005, Woods finished tied for fourth place, two shots behind winner Phil Mickelson.

Meanwhile, Steve Stricker and Andrew Johnston played their way into the PGA Cham-



pionship with high finishes in the British Open that pushed them into the top 100 in the world ranking.

In this July 23, 2006, file photo, Tiger Woods of the United States, right, reacts as he walks off the 18th green with his caddy Steve Williams after winning the British Open Golf Championship at the Royal Liverpool Golf Course in Hoylake, England.

Katayama of Japan (No. 112) and Younghun Song of South Korea (No. 111).

Another category is 2014 Ryder Cup members provided they're among the top 100 in the world. Hunter Mahan (No. 186) and Stephen Gallacher (No. 311) did not qualify and were not offered exemptions.

To fill the 156-man, the PGA of America goes back to its PGA Points list, which is a PGA Tour money list that starts at the 2015 Bridgestone Invitational and ended last week with the British Open and Barbasol Championship. Two players got in that way—Freddie Jacobson and Cameron Tringale.

By going beyond the top 100, the PGA of America opted not to go to its points list. The first alternate is Zac Blair, Harold Varner III, Jonas Blixt, Alex Cejka, Scott Brown and Brian Harman. One spot remained open for the Canadian Open winner if he is not already eligible.

Mickelson chasing other Nicklaus mark

TROON, Scotland (AP)—Tiger Woods isn't the only player chasing Jack Nicklaus in the majors.

So is Phil Mickelson. Only one of them has been making progress over the last four years. That isn't necessarily good news for Mickelson, but it should be.

Mickelson did everything right in the British Open, only to watch Henrik Stenson do just a little better.

They combined to deliver the greatest closing rounds by a final pairing in major championship history—63 for Stenson, 65 for Mickelson, on a day when the average score was 72.8. They had a better-ball score of 59. They walked off the 18th green at Royal Troon with their arms around each other's shoulders,

and given the intensity of the battle, they might have been keeping each other from collapsing.

Stenson, the champion golfer of the year, received the silver claret jug.

Mickelson not only received a silver platter, he took over sole possession of second place on golf's all-time list of runner-up finishes in the majors.

He's No. 2 at being No. 2. The runner-up finish at Royal Troon was the 11th for Mickelson, one more than Arnold Palmer and still eight to go to catch Nicklaus.

No one talks much about that record because Nicklaus is identified more with his 18 majors. Woods reached 14 majors in 2008 and was ahead of the pace set by

Nicklaus until a fourth knee surgery, three back surgeries and one fire hydrant got in the way.

Eight years later, Woods remains at 14 and hasn't played in nearly a year.

Mickelson, who won his fifth major in the British Open at Muirfield three years ago, now has recorded a runner-up finish each of the last four years. Not even Nicklaus put together a streak of four straight years with the silver.

This is not meant to cheer up Mickelson.

He is 46, in his 25th year as a pro. He has been around long enough that losing stings, and it doesn't always matter if it's self-inflicted. Is it easier to stomach knowing he played bogey-free than if he couldn't hit a par 3 with a

pitching wedge?

It was the second time that Mickelson posted the lowest score in any major, only for someone else to go lower. That was David Toms at Atlanta Athletic Club, who holed a 10-foot par putt on the final hole to beat Mickelson by one. And it was Stenson at Royal Troon, making 10 birdies in a round of 63 that even Johnny Miller admired.

"I'm not sure how I'm going to feel about that," Mickelson said. "I played what I feel was well enough to win this championship by a number of strokes, and yet I got beat by three strokes. You know, it's not like I have decades left of opportunities to win majors, so each one means a lot to me."

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RBI single from John Quitagua in the eighth—gave the North Starz more breathing room and it hung on to the lead after yielding only one run to the Blue Jays in the last four innings.

James Benavente logged the lone run at the top of the eighth with no outs and runners on second and third to boost the Blue Jays' chances of getting their first win of the season. However, Zack Sasamoto and Jess Mesa were left stranded, as Santos and Matagolai fled out and Ben Flores went down on a 5-3 putout play.

Despite the missed chances, the Blue Jays refused to

give up and came out fighting at the top of the eighth. They went to as far as second base with Chandler Delos Santos advancing off a North Starz error and stealing second. However, he was stuck there, as third batter Aaron Benavente fled out to first and James was called for a 6-3 putout play. Leadoff batter Shine Tenorio earlier committed the first out off a 5-3 play.

Ben Lizama and John Tenorio pitched North Starz to victory, as they combined for a seven-hitter and allowed no earned runs while walking only five and striking out seven. Lizama started out for North Starz, working the mound for five innings.

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ter in the second half to beat Lower Base, 47-39.

Shirley's now has a 4-3 record for third place in the team standings, while Lower Base dropped to a 1-6 mark.

John Jugos, Angel Catungal, and Jerome Pollisco teamed up in handing Shirley's its second straight win in the second round of the regular season. Jugos tallied 13 points, while Catungal and Pollisco logged 12 apiece.

Catungal scored 7 straight markers midway in the second half to keep Shirley's distance, while Jugos and Pollisco provided enough production at the start of the final frame to grab the upper hand. Lower

Base led at the beginning of the second half.

First Game

Kanoa 78 — M. Duenas 22, Schmidt 20, E. Duenas 10, Villagomez 8, Pablo 7, Usi 6, Sacramento 4.

POI 56 — Yu 14, Santos 10, Arago 10, Tenepere 6, Palacios 5, Ramos 2, Ciano 1.

Scoring by halves: 33-23, 78-56.

Second Game

Shirley's 47 — Jugos 13, Catungal 12, Pollisco 12, Bordon 4, Palma 2, Sabino 1.

Lower Base 39 — Bazinero 12, Omar 6, Jinang 5, Camu 4, Peteru 3, Garcia 2, Alegre 2, Buno 2.

Scoring by halves: 19-21, 47-39.

The PGA Championship tries to get the Top 100 in the world ranking, even though that is not a specific category. This year, it went all the way down to Nicolas Colsaerts at No. 120. Others just outside the top 100 include Gregory Bourdy of France (No. 115), James Morrison of England (No. 106), Kristoffer Broberg of Sweden (No. 110), Shingo

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13 points in overtime, winning a shootout against Ezra's Jerald Santiago in the extension. Santiago, who drilled the game-tying basket in regulation, 68-68, logged 9 of Ezra's 11 markers in the extra frame.

Joel had to rely on Palino in the homestretch after it squandered a double-digit spread in the first half. The division leader was ahead by 23 at the break, 44-21, as Palino's teammates were on target in the opening 20 minutes of play. Genrei De Leon dropped all his 10 points in the first half, while four other Joel players contributed at least 6 points each, and Palino chipped in 8.

However, Joel failed to hang on to the lead, as it was caught off guard by Ezra's fightback. Santiago led the recovery, firing 29 of Ezra's 58 markers in the second half, including the basket that forced the regulation.

In overtime, Santiago continued to lead Ezra and threatened to bring the match into second overtime when he drained an inside basket, 12 seconds left on the clock.

Joel sued for time after the deadlock and when the game resumed, Palino took charge, driving strong to the basket

and pulling up for a turnaround shot, just two seconds remaining in the game. Ezra ran out of time for the decent shot, allowing Joel to pull off the close win.

Palino finished the exciting match with 32 points, while Santiago exploded for 48 markers.

Meanwhile, in the first game, Jonah cruised past Hagai, 77-55.

Joel played without its main gunner—Jethro Cruz—but the team had no problem routing Hagai, as Sam Darag was there to provide the needed scoring. Darag registered a game-high 39 points to improve Jonah's record to 5-2 for second place in the team standings. Hagai is still winless in six matches.

First Game

Jonah 77 — Darag 39, Marcellana 12, Cabrera 12, Ponce 10, Gozon 4.

Hagai 55 — Alonzo 13, Brillo 12, Wang 10, Chen 7, Del Carmen 4, Irog 4.

Scoring by halves: 36-29, 77-55.

Second Game

Joel 81 — Palino 32, Cruz 16, De Leon 10, Ocaya 9, Elchico 8, Ocanada 6.

Ezra 79 — Santiago 48, Borromeo 9, Buno 8, Hu 8, Saumpay 2, De Leon 2.

Scoring by halves: 44-21, 68-68, 81-79 (OT)

32nd Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament

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Padre De Familia captain and crewmembers pose with their perpetual and grand prize trophies and are joined in the photo by organizers of the 32nd Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament during the awards banquet held early this month at The Magellan.



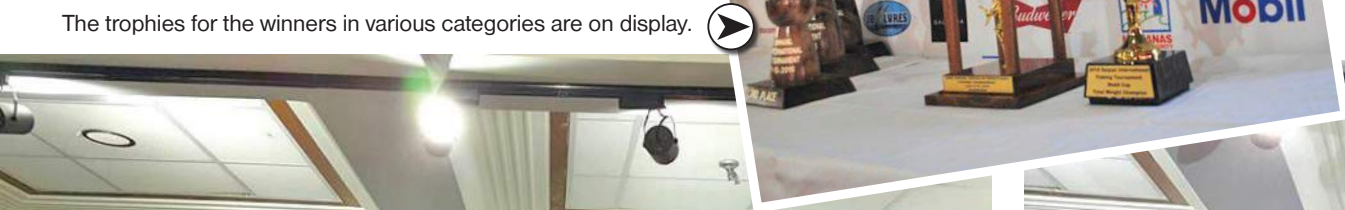
Fiona anglers pose with their third place prizes in the yellow fin category.



Keilani Ko crewmembers receive their total weight prizes.



Sea Hawk crewmembers are presented with the special prize from event sponsor Yamaha.



The trophies for the winners in various categories are on display.



Sweet Candy crewmembers and their captain show their first place prizes in the mahi category.



Team Q anglers show their third place trophy and prizes in the wahoo category.



Marlin Chasers anglers are all smiles after getting the top prize in the wahoo category.



Luka Ben anglers receive the trophy and prizes for second place in the wahoo category.



Carmelita II anglers are presented with the skipjack tuna first place prizes.



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Starz denies Blue Jays graceful exit

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North Starz denied Blue Jays' final bid to enter the win column in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League following a 7-5 victory in their game last Tuesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Blue Jays failed to have a graceful exit in this year's competition as they finished the double-round robin elimination with a dismal 0-14 record. North Starz, on the other hand, improved to a 3-10 mark with one match (versus the Falcons) left from its schedule in the regular season. North Starz scored in the last three innings to escape with the win. It faced a 3-4 deficit after five complete innings as the Blue Jays nailed two runs apiece



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North Starz's Ben Lizama delivers a pitch to the Blue Jays during the top of the first inning of their game in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Tuesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Joel pulls off another OT win; Jonah routs Hagai

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Andrew Palino saved Joel from collapsing as he hit the go-ahead basket in their 81-79 overtime win against Ezra in the second game in the youth division of the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Palino knocked in a banked shot in the closing seconds of the extension period to hand Joel its fifth win in sixth games and give his team the solo lead in the five-squad field. The OT victory was Joel's second straight as it also needed extra five minutes to dispatch Jonah, 75-72, in their match last week.

The Kagman High School standout scored all of Joel's

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in the third and fifth. Justin Santos posted one run apiece at the top of the third and fifth off a passed ball and the North Starz's error, while the two other runs were registered by Davy Matagolai and

James Benavente, also from the winning team's miscues.

North Starz got two runs in the second inning with E.J. Tenorio reaching off a wild pitch and John Tenorio making it home off the Blue

Jays' defensive miscue. Roke Tenorio gave North Starz its third run when he stole home at the bottom of the fifth and then hit an RBI single in the sixth to tie the match, while another RBI single—from

Tim Cruz—put the Jon Tenorio-managed squad on top.

Two more earned runs—an RBI double from John Tenorio in the seventh and

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Streaking Kanoa Resort blows out POI

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Kanoa Resort is still perfect following a 78-56 demolition of Pacific Oriental, Inc. in the curtain-raiser in the 2016 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Kanoa hiked its unbeaten mark to 7-0, while POI fell to a 1-6 slate.

The trio of Matt and Ernest Duenas and Douglas Schmidt made it easy for Kanoa to extend its winning streak after they scored in double figures. Matt had a game-high 22 points, while Schmidt added 20, and Ernest contributed 10 as their combined output nearly matched the production of the entire POI crew.

Schmidt started things off for Kanoa, knocking in 8 of the team's first 10 points. He finished the opening 20 min-

utes of play with 14 markers, while Matt and Ernest totaled 12 to lift Kanoa to a 33-23

halftime advantage.

The lead ballooned in the second half as Matt scored in



streaks and other Kanoa players were given enough playing time with the game out of POI's reach. Rico Villagomez, Dindo Pablo, and Mico Usi came out to play more minutes and combined for 21 points.

Kyung Min Yu had 14 markers to lead POI's losing cause, while Ferdie Arago and Jessie Santos chipped in 10 each.

In the second game, Shirley's Coffee Shop played bet-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Kanoa Resort's Matt Duenas goes up for a layup during their game against POI in the Tan Holdings caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Jonah's Sam Darag, right, challenges the shot of Nahum's Hayo Chen during their earlier game in the youth division of the Gen Cup. Darag scored 39 points in their 77-55 rout of Hagai last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.